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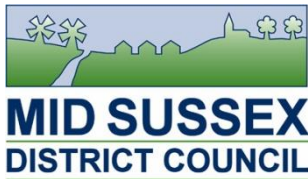
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Title:	Greater Brighton Economic Board
Date:	20 October 2020
Time:	10.00am
Venue	Virtual Meeting (Zoom)
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GREATER BRIGHTON ECONOMIC BOARD

10.00am 14 JULY 2020

VIRTUAL MEETING

MINUTES

Present: Councillor Humphreys (Chair) Ash-Edwards, Lamb, Nicholson, Mac Cafferty, Parkin, Platts and Walsh

Business Partners: Trevor Beattie, Clare Mason, Dean Orgill, Andrew Swayne, Caroline Wood

PART ONE

1 RATIFICATION OF CHAIR

1.1 John Peel read the following statement:

“At its meeting on 21 April 2020, the Board agreed to a number of recommendations as to its Operating Principles, one being the process by which the Chair of the Board would be nominated for the 2020/21 term. Since the previous meeting, a confidential nomination and voting process was undertaken in accordance with that agreement Councillor Humphreys was nominated by fellow Board Members to the role of Chair of the Board for the 2020/21 municipal year”.

1.2 The Board unanimously agreed to appoint Councillor Humphreys as Chair of the Board for the 2020/21 municipal year.

2 PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

2a Declarations of substitutes

2.1 Caroline Wood was present as substitute for Henry Powell.

2b Declarations of interests

2.2 Andrew Swayne declared a non-pecuniary interest as Chairman as Ricardo as one of their workstreams was referenced on the agenda.

2c Exclusion of the press and public

2.3 In accordance with Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 (“the Act”), the Board considered whether the public should be excluded from the meeting during consideration of any item of business on the grounds that it is likely in view of the

business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during it, there would be disclosure to them of confidential information as defined in Section 100A (3) of the Act.

2.4 **RESOLVED-** That the press and public not be excluded.

3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 **RESOLVED-** That the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as the correct record.

4 CHAIR'S COMMUNICATIONS

4.1 “The Board is focussed on supporting the region through the COVID 19 pandemic and has commissioned analysis from Hatch to identify what the key issues are and what support the Board can offer. The Board welcomes the financial support from national government to businesses, employees and specific sectors, but will continue to lobby for help where it is most needed to support the region’s businesses, residents and communities and make sure the levelling up is happening here, in our region. As lockdown measures ease, on behalf of the Board, I would like to thank partners for all they are doing to open the city region economy in a safe and sustainable way, supporting social distancing measures and allowing businesses to re-open. I would like to thank the highways authorities for the short-term changes made to road layouts to support changes to the way people travel and use public spaces safely and effectively. I would particularly like to thank local authority partners for all their work in administering the government’s support grants to businesses. The government set out a package of measures to support businesses including small business grant funding and grant funding for retail, hospitality and leisure businesses. The local authorities in our region have awarded over £200 million to over 15,000 eligible businesses and are now working on discretionary grants to support other businesses most in need at this critical time.

“Network Rail are undertaking the second stage of their consultation on the Brighton Mainline Upgrade proposals, which include the Croydon Area Remodelling Scheme As outlined in our Five-Year priorities, this part of the transport network is vitally important to the prosperity of our region and the Board are keen to see these essential improvements taken forward with urgency. Network Rail are holding a consultation event with Board Members on Wednesday 29th July at 10am via Zoom. The Greater Brighton Support Team will also be preparing a formal response from the Board to the consultation.

“On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank Nick Juba for his contribution to the Board since its inception. Nick is stepping down as CEO of GBMet at the end of the August so this will be his last meeting”.

5 GREATER BRIGHTON COVID 19 IMPACT ASSESSMENT

5.1 The Board considered a report of the Chair, Greater Brighton Officer Programme Board that presented the economic, social and health impacts of COVID-19 to the Greater Brighton region and initial recommendations towards co-ordinating sustainable recovery at a City Region level.

- 5.2 Councillor Mac Cafferty stated that the pandemic would undoubtedly have very serious impacts however, he believed there were reasons to have optimism. The Institute for Public Policy Research had estimated that a drive to insulate homes and fit low carbon heating could create 1.6 million jobs and the LGA had estimated that a low-carbon and renewable energy economy could create nearly 700 jobs by 2030. Councillor Mac Cafferty explained that brave steps taken by the Greater Brighton region in changing the focus of the economy could enhance the economy for the long-term.
- 5.3 Councillor Nicholson stated that many businesses were very close to cashflow difficulties and there may be opportunity for the Region to use its financial power to establish a regional public bank to support businesses. Councillor Nicholson observed that the food and hospitality sectors were two of those that would suffer the highest impact of the pandemic and an economic plan was perhaps needed for those sectors.
- 5.4 Councillor Platts stated that she was very concerned for employment prospects for young people. The Greater Brighton region had, through its colleges and universities an opportunity to train people to become experts in emerging fields and by working together, that could be achieved.
- 5.5 Andrew Swayne stated that the region needed to act at speed to respond to the pandemic and its impacts and that would include such matters as accelerating the water and energy plans.
- 5.6 **RESOLVED-**
- 1) That the Board note the high-level findings of the report on the economy of the region, the sector analysis and the review of the Board's Five-Year priorities and recommendations in light of the impact of COVID 19.
 - 2) That the Board agree that an Action Plan against the recommendations is brought the Board at the next meeting in October, following engagement with the Board and partners.

6 COAST TO CAPITAL UPDATE

- 6.1 The Board considered a report of the Chair, Greater Brighton Officer Programme Board that set out ten projects shortlisted by the Department for Housing, Communities and Local Government (DCCLG) following a call from the Secretary of State for projects that could help LEPs to stimulate post-crisis economic recovery at a local level. The report detailed thirty further projects that had not been shortlisted but were proposed to be added to the Greater Brighton Investment Programme pipeline.
- 6.2 Councillor Platts asked if adaptations were required to the Local Industrial Strategy in order to better align it with current matters.
- 6.3 Jonathan Sharrock clarified that the LEP were working with Hatch to update their extensive data on the region to reflect the economic impact of the pandemic.

- 6.4 Councillor Walsh asked when it was likely that decisions on the projects submitted would be known.
- 6.5 Jonathan Sharrock replied that a definite date was not currently known but it was hoped a response would be received by the end of government recess.
- 6.6 Councillor Mac Cafferty stated that the pandemic had exposed a structural weakness in that the region may be over reliant on the expansion of Gatwick Airport and that it was perhaps time to reassess priorities and focus.

6.7 **RESOLVED-**

1. That the Board acknowledges the importance of the shortlisted projects outlined in paragraph 3.4 and 3.5 and supports these projects going forwards.
2. That these new projects be added to the Greater Brighton Project Pipeline.
3. That the Board also agrees that the projects in Appendix 1 should also be added to the pipeline of Greater Brighton projects.

7 GREATER BRIGHTON PLACE NARRATIVE & INWARD INVESTMENT

- 7.1 The Board considered a report of the Chair, Greater Brighton Officer Programme Board that outlined the basis behind the city region's place narrative, how this was key to attracting investment and the preferred approach to securing inward investment through the utilising of existing resource and the establishment of a pro-active desk. The report was commissioned at the request of the Board at its meeting in November 2019.
- 7.2 Councillor Lamb stated that it was imperative that the Board monitor asks and there was no clear grasp of what the Board was collectively delivering. Councillor Lamb stated that strategies developed and approved must lead to outcomes.
- 7.3 Councillor Nicholson agreed and stated that it was important to establish ground rules and red lines. Councillor Nicholson noted that the Board had available resources and could use them in the short-term.
- 7.4 Councillor Lamb stated that he did not feel it was viable to allocate further resource to something that wasn't working. Councillor Lamb suggested the Board could consider delegation of specific areas to each Board Member to focus upon and deliver. Councillor Lamb highlighted that Crawley Borough Council were not currently receiving the economic benefit of being a member of the Board.
- 7.5 The Chair noted that there was no request for further financial commitment recommended within the report and delegation was certainly something that could be considered.

7.6 **RESOLVED-**

- 1) That the Board recognise and accept that post-Brexit and post-COVID, the role of place narrative and inward investment is key to Greater Brighton's recovery and future growth and approve the overall direction of the narrative and proposed approach towards inward investment.
- 2) That partners agree that a level of funding is required for an Inward Investment Desk service. The report suggests that the minimum level of funding for an efficient service is £250,000 per year, although there are options beneath this. The Board agrees that work should commence to identify the most appropriate potential sources for this funding, including Local Enterprise Partnership and national government funding, to resource the desk from 2021/22.
- 3) That the current team utilise existing resource to continue to develop and deliver elements of the plan, where possible, and report back on progress at the end of 2020 the work undertaken to date.

8 GREATER BRIGHTON INFRASTRUCTURE PANEL UPDATE - ENERGY AND WATER PLANS

5.1. RESOLVED-

- 1) That the final Energy and Water Plan documents, which are based on detailed research, modelling and stakeholder engagement, are approved by the Board.
- 2) That the Board supports the projects arising from the plans and is committed to securing funding from the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and National Government and supporting delivery.
- 3) That the Board notes that progress with the projects are reported back on an annual basis (with any exceptional items being raised on an ad-hoc basis)
- 4) That the Board supports the Greater Brighton 10 pledges and film as part of a communications package to raise the profile of the work planned and commits to the launch and the signing of the pledges at the next Board meeting in October.
- 5) That the Board agreed that the Greater Brighton Infrastructure panel continues, both to oversee implementation of the Energy and Water Plans (via the working groups) and to consider other Infrastructure areas.
- 6) That the Board agrees that the Greater Brighton Energy Group (*and Water Group if wished*) continues to implement and deliver the Energy Plan, including potential development of collaborative multi-stakeholder projects, a Local Energy Fund, and a special purpose delivery partnership

9 GREATER BRIGHTON INVESTMENT PROGRAMME UPDATE

- 9.1 **RESOLVED-** That the Board note the report and the Investment Programme Update at Appendix 1.

The meeting concluded at 12.15pm

Subject:	Greater Brighton COVID-19 Sustainable Recovery Plan		
Date of Meeting:	20th October 2020		
Report of:	Chair, Greater Brighton Officer Programme Board		
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LA's affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT**

- 1.1 When the Greater Brighton Economic Board “the Board” met on 20th July 2020 the COVID-19 pandemic was a key point of discussion. The Board reviewed the findings of the Impact Assessment on the region, which was completed by Hatch. It was clear from the analysis that, like the rest of the UK economy, COVID-19 will have a significant impact on output (GVA) growth in the Greater Brighton region over the coming year. Using the Office of Budget Responsibility (OBR) methodology to create a coronavirus reference scenario, the figures indicate a loss of 11% in GVA during 2020. The region’s estimated year of recovery to achieve pre-COVID GVA levels is 2028.
- 1.2 The Board has an important role to play in developing an economic recovery strategy (feeding into Coast to Capital’s recovery strategy), to address the wider systemic economic challenges the region will face and to leverage the region’s existing assets in the most economically inclusive way. To this end, the Board has drafted a COVID-19 Recovery Plan in line with the Board’s Five-Year Priorities for approval and delivery.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Board approve the recommendations made within the Recovery Plan which is aligned with Coast to Capital’s recovery strategy for the region.
- 2.2 That the Board agrees to work with partners to progress the actions outlined in the plan and report on progress within an agreed timeframe.

3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The impact assessment for the region presented to the Board in July highlighted six main impacts. A rise in unemployment, closure of local businesses with significant challenges in four main sectors; Creative, Arts and Culture, Education, the Visitor Economy and Transport. The recovery plan looks at these in more detail aligning recommended actions to the Board’s Strategic Priority themes; International, Creative, Connected, Talented and Resilient.

4 ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF OTHER OPTIONS

The economic impact of COVID-19 cannot be ignored and a 'do nothing' approach is not feasible. The Board agreed at the last board meeting in July to produce a Sustainable Recovery Plan for the region. The recommended actions within the plan have been shared with Board members for their feedback, the suggestions/amendments included and so represents their views. The recommendations will be reviewed on an annual basis in line with progress against the Board's Five-Year Priorities.

5 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

The Greater Brighton Recovery Plan has been circulated and shared with Board members and officers who have provided their feedback, which has been incorporated into the plan.

6. CONCLUSION

The Greater Brighton region has been impacted significantly by the COVID-19 pandemic, notably in the creative, arts, visitor economy, transport and education sectors. The Recovery Plan highlights the actions the Board can take to mitigate against the impacts and encourage the economy to grow in a sustainable way. The Board must work together and across geographical boundaries to make this happen.

The Greater Brighton Economic Board continue to lobby government for support in the hard-hit sectors. The Board should consider the opportunities provided by new Government programmes and new funding streams; recognise national calls for a 'greener, fairer and more resilient' recovery and use this to frame recovery actions referring to Government narrative on 'levelling-up'.

7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 7.1 The COVID 19 Sustainability Recovery Plan details a number of action points to enable the economic recovery of the Greater Brighton region. Amongst these action points are a number of financial actions including the continued lobbying of Government for financial support packages, the monitoring of opportunities for further public sector investment as well as the support of government financial initiatives such as the job Retention Scheme.

Finance Officer Consulted: Rob Allen, Principal Accountant
Date: 08/10/2020

Legal Implications:

- 7.2 At this stage, there are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

Lawyer Consulted: Joanne Dougnaglo, Senior Property Lawyer
Date: 07/10/2020

Equalities Implications:

- 7.3 Evidence shows that the Covid-19 pandemic has widened some existing inequalities, opened new divides and is disproportionately affecting certain parts of the region's population. National analysis indicates that:
- The most deprived areas, where the most vulnerable live, will be where new jobs will be slowest to appear. They are the places where already fragile high streets are further threatened by online commerce.
 - Sector shutdowns and homeworking have hit low paid workers the hardest. Increased reliance on technology and home working favours the more highly educated, at the expense of others.
 - The self-employed and those with insecure work arrangements more likely to report negative impacts.
 - Young people and women are much more likely to work in shutdown sectors. In terms of gender inequalities, women have also been taking a disproportionate share of the childcare responsibilities' parents are shouldering, with likely longer-term impacts on earnings.

This recovery plan is an important step in addressing some of these disparities and mitigating these impacts.

Sustainability Implications

- 7.4 The UK government has committed to 'Build Back Better, Build Back Greener and Build Back Smarter'. It is supporting the development of national and regional recovery packages that support a green and resilient economy. A green and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 crisis will be at the heart of the UK's COP26 Presidency in 2021 alongside the move towards a zero-carbon economy.

Clean growth has the potential to create jobs, provide cheaper power and stimulate economic recovery. Low-carbon transportation will reduce emissions and improve public health. Adapting and becoming more resilient to climate change through nature-based solutions will help all parts of society. The actions within this recovery plan focus on the region becoming more environmentally resilient. This is supported by the recent adoption of the region's energy and water plans and the GB10 pledges.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Greater Brighton COVID-19 Sustainable Recovery Plan
2. Coast to Capital - Build back stronger, smarter and greener



Greater Brighton Economic Board

DRAFT COVID 19 Sustainable Recovery Plan

1.0 Introduction

The Greater Brighton region is a prosperous and attractive place to live underpinned by high value sectors. The area covers a geography from Seaford in the East, to Bognor Regis in the West and north to Crawley and Gatwick Airport. It is home to 988,000 people, 619,000 of whom are of working age and it provides 400,000 jobs across 42,000 active businesses.

However, like other parts of the UK, COVID-19 has, and will continue to, impact the region's economy significantly: GVA (output) is estimated to shrink by 11% in 2020; youth employment will be high as many young people work in the most impacted sectors such as retail and tourism; performing and creative arts sectors have been forced into hibernation; and transport and logistics has seen a mixture of challenges with belly cargo through Gatwick Airport collapsing and export-related transport and logistics companies seeing revenues decline¹.

Two thirds of businesses have made use of the Government's job retention scheme which will move to a job support scheme at the start of November, and there is concern about further unemployment, particularly within the 18-24 and 60-64 age ranges. The number of insolvencies has also risen. There were 74 insolvencies across the Coast to Capital LEP region in June, which is up from 39 in May.

The COVID-19 pandemic has also occurred in the lead up to the UK withdrawal from the EU for which there will be economic impacts on the region, as well as implications of new trade deals. Nationally and internationally, we are addressing the climate change emergency and highlighting green recovery. It will be important to take account of this within any recovery plan.

Much has already been delivered. Local authority partners have awarded over £200 million in business grants to over 15,000 eligible businesses, and over £180k in discretionary grants to support other businesses most in need at this critical time. In addition, some sectors are returning to a pre-COVID -19 position much quicker than anticipated. Manufacturing industries including building production, automotive and, construction are doing well. Domestic tourism is experiencing a brief recovery and consumers are thinking and spending locally.

2.0 Greater Brighton Impact Analysis

It is crucial to understand the short-medium term impacts of the pandemic but also consider how longer-term structural changes in the economy will impact on the City Region. The Board and its recovery plan must be agile and be able to adapt to sudden changes in government response and /or the possibility of local lockdown scenarios. It is also important to fully understand and respond to the impacts on City Region residents and workers. At a

¹ GBEB COVID 19 Impact Assessment [Hatch Associates]

national level, analysis of those that have either lost their jobs as a result of the crisis, or have been furloughed, indicate that young people, women, and older members of the workforce have been disproportionately affected - possibly because these groups are more likely to work in sectors such as retail, hospitality and tourism, which are amongst those most acutely impacted. Among those in younger age groups will be many who are leaving full time education and seeking their first job.

In May 2020, the Greater Brighton Economic Board commissioned Hatch to undertake an impact assessment to understand the challenges based on the intelligence available and the composition of the local economy. This report uses these findings to recommend a series of strategic interventions for the region to tackle the issues and optimise opportunities. This is done against the backdrop of the Board's Five-Year Strategic Priorities, which were agreed in January 2019.

2.1 Summary of findings

The impact assessment for the region highlighted six main impacts. These findings are; a rise in unemployment, closure of local businesses and significant challenges in four main sectors; Creative, Arts and Culture, Education, the Visitor Economy and Transport. The following sections of the recovery plan will look at these in more detail, and aligned to the Board's Strategic Priority Themes; International, Creative, Connected, Talented and Resilient.

However, first it is important to consider the wider regional landscape and recovery activity already identified.

3.0 Wider regional picture

Coast to Capital LEP (C2C) have just published their COVID-19 Economic Impact Assessment which recognises that GVA output across the LEP area is likely to fall by up to 17% in 2020. To recover that lost output and return to pre-COVID-19 GVA levels by 2029, regional GVA growth would need to at least double to 6% by 2026². This assessment highlights similar business, employment and sectoral impacts to the City Region, reflecting the similar geographies.

In response, C2C are developing a draft recovery plan to enable the economy of the region to build back stronger, smarter, greener. The Greater Brighton Recovery Plan supports the objectives laid out by C2C.

To build back stronger; support Crawley with a plan to grow, adapt and broaden the UK's most COVID-19 impacted town into a more diverse and dynamic place. Development of new housing, commercial space and an enhanced skills and innovation offer will match the ambition of Global Britain and of a model for sustainable living.

To build back smarter; build upon the knowledge and innovation community which already exists in Brighton and has been developing in other areas such as Worthing. Expedite investments in knowledge for all, building on areas of competitive advantage, including support for the development of an internationally significant hub for Quantum Technologies,

² Coast to Capital – Coronavirus (COVID 19) Economic Impact Assessment Aug 2020, Hatch



alongside the ongoing evolution of our mature sectors, with continuing advances in digital and clean growth sectors.

To build back greener; draw on our talented workforce and local business specialisms, to lead a green recovery across the whole region. Work toward UK 'net-zero' targets on climate change by 2050 with a twin-track approach, decarbonising the energy supply across homes, transport and industry while securing and coordinating investment in natural capital to offset emissions, through new development.³

4.0 Greater Brighton Economic Board Vision and Priorities

The Greater Brighton Economic Board will continue to make the strongest possible case for Government investment into the City Region. The Board will also look to influence the development of the Government's policy to ensure that Government adopts mechanisms for boosting economic recovery that will benefit the Greater Brighton economy.

The Board approved its Five Year Strategic Priorities in January 2019, with the vision for the region to have a growing, modern economy that is international, creative, connected, talented and resilient.

Across all these themes, the we aim to create an innovate and entrepreneurial ecosystem that reflects the needs of the City Region's complex economy. We aim to address the skills agenda, using the ambition-driven ecosystem concept to facilitate connections between universities and businesses to address skills shortages together with realising innovation potential.

4.1 INTERNATIONAL

The Board has agreed that an international profile will not only increase the region's chances of securing foreign direct investment, but a growing international reputation will also enhance the City Region's standing at a national, regional and local level. Never is that more important than now as businesses in the region close and certain sectors struggle. It is now important for the region to capitalise on the anticipated movement of businesses out of London and pitch for the region as a smarter, greener, cheaper alternative equidistant from Gatwick. The Board and its partners must also work with the City-Region's global companies, their networks and supply chains to rebuild the economy.

For both universities in the City Region, international students are an important source of income (20%). The COVID-19 crisis has meant a reduction in international students taking up places in UK HE institutions for the 2020/21 academic year. Private language schools and those that target international students have been hit, with GVA related spending also reduced. This could also be compounded by a decline in university take up by domestic students who choose to defer their first year, a situation made more challenging as a result of the A-Level and BTEC grade awards confusion in August.

Building an international reputation is crucial for the region's universities. More positively, there is scope to better leverage the global R&D links of both universities to expand access to markets for local businesses and play an important role in ensuring they still attract and

³ C2C – Build back stronger, smarter and greener



retained skilled talent in the region. The region also has significant potential in a strong emerging position in Quantum computing, with a new university-based company recently launched to build the first large-scale quantum computer using microwave technology rather than lasers. This is backed by household name investors with the ambition for Brighton and Hove to become a Quantum city. Brighton and Hove and the University of Sussex and Greater Brighton partners should champion the ground-breaking technologies developed in labs on campus to utilise existing technical expertise to create a new industry sector in Quantum, and complementary ecosystems of high-tech companies surrounded by a relevant supply chain, enabling a skilled workforce and creating jobs.

Furthermore, with the UK withdrawal from the European Union, many BREXIT challenges remain unknown at this point in time. The Board has a part to play in minimising risk for the economy, maximising opportunities and working together to lobby government for international trade deals that support the region's businesses.

ACTIONS

- Inward investment in the region is low. Greater Brighton's Inward Investment Desk currently being developed by the GBEB Business Support Team should continue to develop at pace, utilising the recently agreed place narrative for the region and an improved website and supporting businesses to relocate to the region. Funding should be identified to support this crucial work.
- The Board should also support R&D innovation led recovery and growth, through the global R&D networks of the universities and global companies across Greater Brighton, increasing the number of businesses benefiting from national schemes such as Knowledge Transfer Partnerships including by:
 - Highlighting recovery-relevant academic expertise at the University Brighton, notably in Clean Growth and Innovation Management
 - Highlighting skills growth programmes within the Universities.
- The Board must support establishing positioning Brighton as a 'quantum city' supported by leading edge technological skills training at the heart of any such a plan. The ambition is to make Brighton an incubator for knowledge-economy based entrepreneurial activity, as well as a hub to create a highly skilled, creative workforce which can generate young scale-up businesses.

4.2 CREATIVE

4.2.1 Business Support

Brighton and Hove is in the top 20 towns and cities in the UK for insolvencies since the start of the lockdown. There were 74 insolvencies across the Coast to Capital LEP region in June, which is up from 39 in May. Results from the latest British Chamber of Commerce Coronavirus Business Tracker reveal that business conditions improved only moderately in the weeks since the UK economy suffered an historic contraction in Q2 2020, with firms still reporting high levels of reliance on government support schemes to help stem cashflow issues. More than 1 in 3 of businesses say they have three months or less worth of cash in reserve.

ACTIONS

- The Board will ensure that Businesses will continue to be supported to grow by the Business Hot House programme being run by the University of Chichester and C2C's Growth Hub, in addition to innovation, growth and recovery programmes being run by the University of Sussex and the University of Brighton.
- As demand for flexible workspaces continues to rise, the region should build on the successful workspaces within the region such as Platt9rm, Plus X and the Sussex Innovation Centre (Brighton & Hove) and the Track (Bognor) and promote these more widely. Further public sector investment may become available to support this and the Board should bid for this to expand the offer in the region.
- The Board officers will act as a centralised point to help identify gaps in our Business Support activity (e.g. self-employed and sole traders) and bring together key actors to ensure there is effective sign posting between the different programmes. The Board will actively seek to invest and sponsor such initiatives.

4.2.2 Creative Industries and the Visitor Economy

The UK's creative industries have been an international powerhouse and, prior to the coronavirus pandemic were the fastest growing sector of our economy. In Greater Brighton creative industries generate over £1.5 billion annual GVA for the local economy⁴. Much of the creative, cultural and visitor economy ground to an immediate halt as the lockdown took effect. The situation was exacerbated with the lockdown starting at the end of March, meaning businesses were closed during traditional key peak demand times such as the Easter weekend and the two May Bank Holidays. The sector has gradually reopened from the 4 July, but the continued ban on large gatherings and resulting cancellation of all festivals, sporting events and other large events through the summer has hit the region hard, and the ripple effect on the many small businesses that supply these events has been acutely felt. The parts of the sector that depend on attracting audiences or visitors will be the last to resume operations and they may not be able to operate 'as normal' for years.

Many creative small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and freelancers have had their work dry up and seen their projects disappear almost immediately. Although the furlough scheme has provided a lifeline for many, much of the initial support package put forward by the Government was inaccessible to the sector. The majority of culture and leisure organisations are relatively small, have narrow profit margins (where they generate any form of profit at all) and do not have significant reserves to rely upon. Some elements of the sector, including theatres and leisure centres have expensive venues which have substantial fixed costs associated with them irrespective of whether they are open to the public. For the most part these organisations are very reliant on income generation to support their business model and are often equally reliant on a volunteer workforce. On 17 June, the Creative Industries

⁴ Josh Siepel University of Sussex research on Creative Industries in Greater Brighton

Federation cited research claiming that over 400,000 creative jobs could be lost this year, with the UK creative industries projected to lose £1.4 billion a week in revenue in 2020.

The Government's announcement of £1.57 billion rescue package for cultural organisations was welcomed on 5 June. However, some parts of the sector (leisure in particular) have yet to benefit from a specific package of support and still face many of the same problems they did in May.

Many staff in the hotel, food and accommodation and arts entertainment and recreation industries have been furloughed and may not be retained. As social distancing measures remain, capacity and volume of visitors is impacted especially where venues and locations cannot utilise outdoor space and the weather changes.

On the positive side, lockdown has prompted a huge interest in culture and creativity, including e-books, digital exhibitions and streamed theatre shows to crafts activities and community singing. The crisis has demonstrated how important culture can be in supporting mental wellbeing. Furthermore, work patterns that will become the 'new normal' are nothing new to creative enterprises and freelancers. They are used to working digitally and remotely, and have a wealth of experience in remote collaboration that will be useful to other sectors who are having to adapt.

The creative industries have been the fastest growing part of the UK economy in recent years. With appropriate support, they have the potential to lead the way in the 'bounce back' from COVID-19⁵. Through the DRIVA programme, the University of Brighton has developed a range of short-courses to support creative industries to respond to these challenges with 364 regional/local companies participating in recent events.

ACTIONS

- The Board welcomed the £1.57 billion Government support package for cultural organisations and will lobby Government for other support packages for cultural and heritage organisations currently deemed ineligible.
- The Board will work with partners such as Visit England, Experience West Sussex and Visit Brighton to support the visitor sector promote the region for staycation breaks and holidays.
- The Board should work with local trade bodies and Visit Brighton and Experience West Sussex to lobby national government for a Tourism Sector Deal for the region
- The Board will seek out new opportunities for business growth projects in tourism and creative industries to transform the pace of growth in these sectors, attracting new investment and moving into new markets to build back stronger.

⁵ LGA Creative Places – Supporting your local creative economy

4.3 CONNECTED

4.3.1 Digital

Digital has become the most critical part of the UK's infrastructure during the COVID-19 crisis. The expansion of home working and the shift towards e-commerce have accelerated the move towards digital. Digital companies can capitalise on these opportunities. Greater Brighton is home to a prosperous digital, media and tech sector, with one of the few 5G testbeds outside of a university. It's one of the most successful in the UK, with a turnover significantly exceeding £1 billion annually⁶ The region is also home to a significant cluster of online gaming companies. Most of these companies grew online presence, products and revenues during lockdown and are continuing to do so. Some have found it difficult to recruit staff with the right skills and computational power to programme. Data visualisation companies have also experienced the same restraints as demand for their services has grown, particularly in the Health sector.

The region also has a strong emerging position in Quantum Computing with the ambition for Brighton and Hove to become a Quantum city. Brighton and Hove and the University of Sussex and partners need to utilise existing technical expertise to create a new industry sector in Quantum, an ecosystem of high-tech companies surrounded by a relevant supply chain, enabling a skilled workforce and creating jobs.

However, digital exclusion exists within the region and whilst the offer of online training is good, not all unemployed can access this training.

ACTIONS

- The Board supports the West Sussex Gigabit programme and will push for a speedy roll out of ultrafast digital infrastructure in a collaborative way, particularly within the region's rural communities to avoid digital exclusion
- The Board should develop a report on digital inclusion provision at each local authority, specifying funding levels, providers, numbers reached and future plans
- The Board should continue with the development of the Greater Brighton Digital Action Plan and stimulate the adoption of digital technologies and skills among non-digital businesses and residents, including the potential to focus on specific sectors or settings.
- The Board and its partners should work with the business sector to support local training providers to provide digital skills training required for vacant positions.
- The Board should support C2C's plan for two urban innovation districts within Brighton and Hove to provide much needed lab and commercial space, to facilitate collaboration, innovation and commercialization.
- The Board should support establishing Brighton as a 'quantum city' with quantum skills training at the heart of any such a plan to make Brighton an incubator for future entrepreneurial activity as well as a hub to create a skilled workforce.

⁶ Wired Sussex 2020

4.3.2 Transport

Gatwick airport accounts for an economic footprint of 85,000 jobs, many based within the City Region and £5.3 billion towards GDP (2016 Oxford Economics). Aviation is one of the sectors most affected by COVID-19, with an unprecedented impact on Gatwick Airport and its associated workforce, businesses, supply chain and passengers. The reduction of international long-haul flights at Gatwick Airport, the temporary pausing of take-off and landing slots for BA and Virgin Atlantic and the knock-on effect to supply chains and the wider aviation sector means the impact is significant. The area's economy is particularly exposed with a lack of resilience in the wider economy, particularly within Crawley and Mid Sussex, when the airport is adversely affected by international events impacting on air travel. Economic recovery is likely to take time and considerable support⁷. Gatwick Airport Limited has developed its own 'ask of Government' including a sector specific extension to the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme until April 2021 to protect the workforce; and for an approach to quarantine for inbound travellers based on county-by-country risk.

Lockdown has seen an increase in active travel modes such as walking and cycling and a decrease in public transport use. The Government is keen to see infrastructure in place to support sustainable travel modes and reduce congestion. Many local authorities in the region are increasing the number of cycle lanes and improving the public realm to facilitate walking whilst maintaining social distancing.

ACTIONS

- The Board should support Gatwick Airport's ask of Government in regard to the job Retention Scheme.
- The Board will support the local authority partner delivery of the Emergency Active Travel Fund schemes across the region such as the Bike Share scheme and improved cycling and walking infrastructure.
- The Board will support public transport providers to encourage users back onto the networks in a safe and socially distanced way
- The Board will lobby Network Rail to continue with the improvement plans to the Brighton Mainline.
- The Board will continue to lobby for improvements to the main transport corridors; A27, A259, A23 and A29.

⁷ WSCC Draft Economy Reset Plan

4.4 TALENTED

There were 25,870 claimants aged 16+ in West Sussex for June, over 2.5 times the number in March, though there has been some reduction in the last month. Crawley has seen the highest increase in the number of claimants from March – June 2020 (3,220) and Mid Sussex the highest percentage increase over March-June.

Young people (16-34 years) account for the majority of those claiming benefits and this is reflective of the UK as a whole. However, it is also believed that there is some under-reporting of job losses in this age range due to a reluctance to claim Job Seekers Allowance and/or Universal Credit if still living at home with parents.

In addition, many of those finding themselves out of work or facing significant job insecurity are experienced, high skilled individuals across a wide age profile.

The education, skills and employment landscape are being severely impacted, including opportunities for school leavers, apprenticeship provision, the impact on further and higher education settings, and graduate employment.

Crawley has the highest employment vulnerability of any town or city in the UK; 80% of the town's jobs have been identified as being impacted or vulnerable.

ACTIONS

- The Board will support the new 'Plan for Jobs announced by the Government in July including investment in apprenticeships, traineeships, the National Careers Service, and a new 'Kickstart Scheme' to fund the direct creation of high-quality jobs for young people at the highest risk of long-term unemployment. The Board will promote the scheme to employers and signpost to local providers'
- With a rise in unemployment, particularly in the 18-24 age range, and some sectors struggling to need the same number of employees as pre-COVID, the Board should promote schemes to support those who wish to retain and gain new skills for sectors that are growing such as Digital and Sustainability and Clean Growth.
- The Board and its partners should work closely with the region's colleges and employers to provide face to face and on-line professional development short courses, training and upskilling for unemployed so they can be matched to vacancies.
- The Board should support C2C's efforts with partners in the public and private sector to create a world-class innovation centre within Crawley, in the heart of Manor Royal, so Crawley can diversify to support other industries in addition to aviation.
- The Board supports WSCC, ESCC and Brighton and Hove to work together with the Sussex Learning Network to develop a collaborative 'pan Sussex' approach to ensuring education and training at all key stages is available locally; that learners of all ages are aware of them, including mature learners and employers; and progression pathways are highly visible.
- The Board should actively support the development of skills and employment opportunities that reflect a modern, low carbon economy. These include the huge opportunity around a large-scale retrofit programme, in which Greater Brighton could become a national exemplar.



- The Board should support the Coast to Capital LEP and the Energy Catapult with their bid to establish a Decarbonisation Skills Academy in the Greater Brighton City Region, with the support of BHCC, Crawley BC, Greater Brighton Metropolitan College, Chichester Colleges, and the University of Brighton. The Decarbonisation Skills Academy will aim to provide the skills training programmes required to deliver the skilled labour for large scale housing retrofit programmes.

4.5 RESILIENCE

Individuals, businesses and other institutions need to be agile and react decisively and positively to external forces, such as economic shocks or Government policy announcements. Resilience needs to be built in a proactive way, and technology will have an important role to play in embedding new solutions. For the Greater Brighton economy to continue to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and grow into the future, there is a need to build resilience and security into our blue, brown and green infrastructure. There is also a need to build resilience in our communities and residents.

ACTIONS

- The Hatch report identified the Greater Brighton region as a focus for sustainable growth. In fact, both the recently completed Greater Brighton Energy and Water plans are testament to this and provide a number of projects to help the region become more resilient. There is an opportunity to use the region's strengths in green technology and innovation to support this type of recovery. This also offers potential for reskilling within a green economy. With the government and LEP focus on building back greener there is an opportunity to support the retrofitting of existing housing and public sector stock identified within the Greater Brighton Energy Plan. Government incentives for this include the Green Homes Grant and the Public Sector Decarbonisation Grants. The Board (and composite local authorities) should bid for this funding.
- The Board should support the University of Brighton's leading role in the national Clean Growth UK Programme that has 1343 local business as members undertaking green growth activity within the region.
- The Board should create a Greater Brighton hydrogen hub to accelerate private sector production of green hydrogen drawing on the expertise of the University of Brighton's Advanced Engineering Centre and Clean Growth UK business network, as part of a wider focus on sustainable transport which reflects academic/industry partnerships in Advanced Engineering notably University of Brighton & Ricardo.
- The Board should support partners to deliver retrofit programmes for homes and buildings at a regional scale, working with leading private and community sector providers across the Greater Brighton area.
- Taking into account the Planning White Paper, the Board must support all new housing with green energy and support working from home (space and connectivity). Proximity to community social space must also be considered.



- The Board should deliver the region's digital and energy infrastructure pipeline of projects, aligning skills provision with industry specialisms to create new jobs and deliver a clean recovery.
- The Board must support the Crawley Recovery Taskforce and Recovery Board led by the Borough Council, including the Government's Towns Fund activities linked to the Crawley Growth Deal.
- The Board must support C2C's efforts with partners in the public and private sector to create a world-class innovation centre within Crawley, in the heart of Manor Royal, so Crawley can evolve to support other industries in addition to aviation.
- The Board must continue to develop the region's project pipeline, potentially leverage Local Growth Funding/Shared Prosperity Funding and highlight the potential of channelling future Government funding to the wider region and further profile and stimulate the local economy and attract growth companies.
- The Board will support positioning Brighton as a 'quantum city' with quantum skills supported by leading edge technological skills training at the heart of any such a plan to make Brighton an incubator for future knowledge economy entrepreneurial activity as well as a hub to create a highly skilled, creative workforce.

5.0 Communications

The COVID-19 pandemic and the need for recovery means Greater Brighton can no longer operate on a business as usual footing in terms of communications activity. There is great instability and government uncertainty. It is likely that there will be large-scale unemployment and many previously thriving sectors will continue to struggle. In addition, looking forward, Brexit and the Devolution White Paper will also impact on residents and businesses, as well as the identity of the region moving forward.

Whilst work will continue on site visits and case studies, social media channels including the website, press releases and publications in trade press, utilising GBEB 'experts', the Greater Brighton communications function is advocating a shift in emphasis for the coming year with 12 months of work focussed on four broad themes.

- Economic Recovery (including green recovery)
- Resources for our growing economy
- Infrastructure for our growing economy
- Skills for our growing economy.

The GB Comms team are developing an enhanced communications plan for 2020/21, in conjunction with the Chair, which will be presented to the Greater Brighton Economic Board in October.



6.0 Conclusion

The Greater Brighton region has been impacted significantly by the COVID-19 pandemic, notably in the creative, arts, visitor economy, transport and education sectors. The Greater Brighton Economic Board must continue to lobby government for support in these hard-hit sectors. The Board should consider the opportunities provided by new Government programmes and new funding streams; recognise national calls for a 'greener, fairer and more resilient' recovery and use this to frame recovery actions making reference to Government narrative on 'levelling-up'.

Building back a more resilient economy, environment and society is a key focus of this recovery strategy. The region has strong emerging positions in the digital and green sector. There is great potential to maximise the knowledge economy technologies and promote the accompanying skills that could have a transformative impact on the city region's offer and fortunes. Brighton and Hove and the Universities of Sussex and Brighton will build on the early example set by the quantum computing spin out to create a wider eco-system in quantum technologies and other high-tech companies surrounded by a relevant supply chain, attracting and growing a highly skilled workforce.

Parts of the region are home to digital and tech clusters and have seen demand and productivity grow but need a support for an increased digital workforce. Increased connectivity is key. Digital infrastructure in rural parts of Greater Brighton are set to be boosted after Mid Sussex District Council and the Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership secured £3.2 million from the Government. The new additional funding secured for the Digital Sussex Rural Connectivity Programme will accelerate the delivery of gigabit capable connections in the surrounding towns and villages.

The Board's energy and water plans demonstrate that the region is seizing the initiative to initiate, support and coordinate projects which will both help the environment and lead a sustainable economic recovery. The Board should focus on supporting delivery of the energy and water projects including retrofitting homes to improve energy efficiency, using solar power to supply energy to public buildings and the rail network and achieving water use neutrality in the region despite the influx of 97,000 more people by 2030. Supporting the skills capacity in these fields will be crucial.

It is important to consider recovery against the backdrop of Brexit. There will be opportunities and challenges to the economy presented by the UK's withdrawal from the EU. There may be job creation/availability at a time when unemployment has risen but matching skills to vacancies may be difficult.

Most important will be that the Board and its partners work collaboratively on the recommendations outlined in this plan. This will increase the potential added value and leverage the Board could gain by working with neighbouring organisations in achieving these objectives through partnership working.



Build back stronger, smarter and greener

Coast to Capital



Introduction

The Coast to Capital region has long been the UK economy's unpolished gem; unprecedented global connections, enviable links into the heart of London - one of the world's greatest cities - and home to the most entrepreneurial coastal city region in the country.

Despite this, even before the COVID-19 pandemic, growth has not been as high as it could be. The last decade has seen us miss out on £3bn of growth by failing to keep pace with other parts of the affluent South. If we can address this regional inequality, then we believe that Coast to Capital can become the most productive and innovative region in the UK, a significant net contributor to the national economy and the epitome of Global Britain.

COVID-19 is having a dramatic impact on our region, and it makes this task more immediate. 2020 has now become a turning point for our region; a time when significant, focused, long-term investment can not only enable recovery, but drive new value and discovery.

Our plan is to enable our economy to build back **stronger, smarter, greener...**

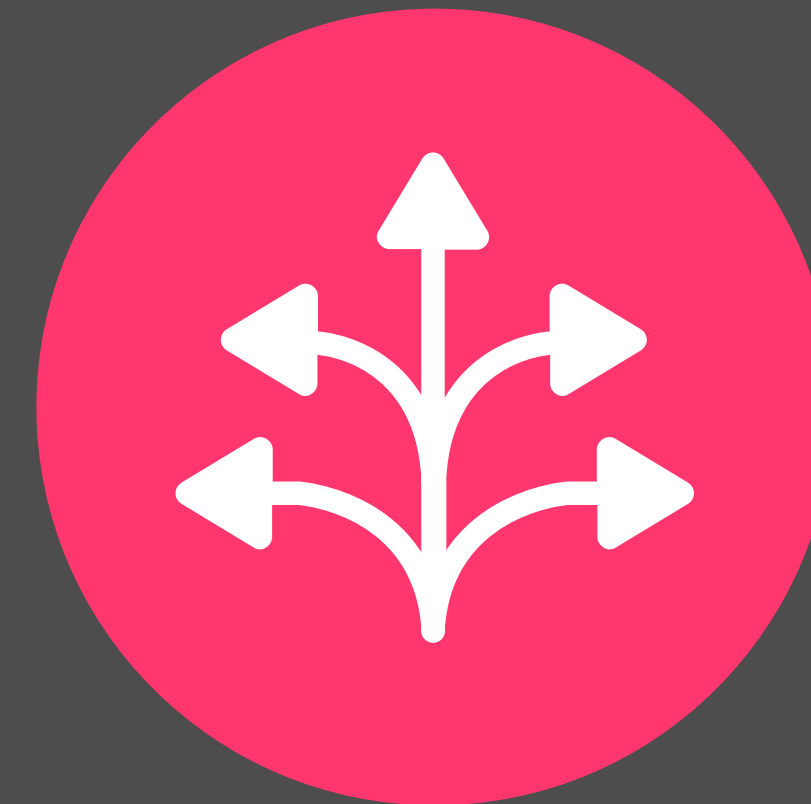
To build back **stronger**, we will support Crawley with a plan to grow and evolve the UK's most COVID-19 impacted town into a more economically diverse and dynamic place. Development of new housing, commercial space and an enhanced skills and innovation offer will match the ambition of Global Britain and of a model for sustainable living.

To build back **smarter**, we will build upon the knowledge and innovation community which already exists in Brighton. We aim to expedite investments in knowledge for all, including support for the development of an internationally significant hub for Quantum Technologies, alongside ongoing evolution of our digital and clean growth sectors.

To build back **greener**, we will draw on our talented workforce and local business specialisms, to lead a green recovery across the whole region. We will work toward UK 'net-zero' targets on climate change with a twin-track approach: decarbonising the energy supply across homes, transport and industry, while securing and coordinating investment in natural capital to offset emissions.



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via Gatwick airport



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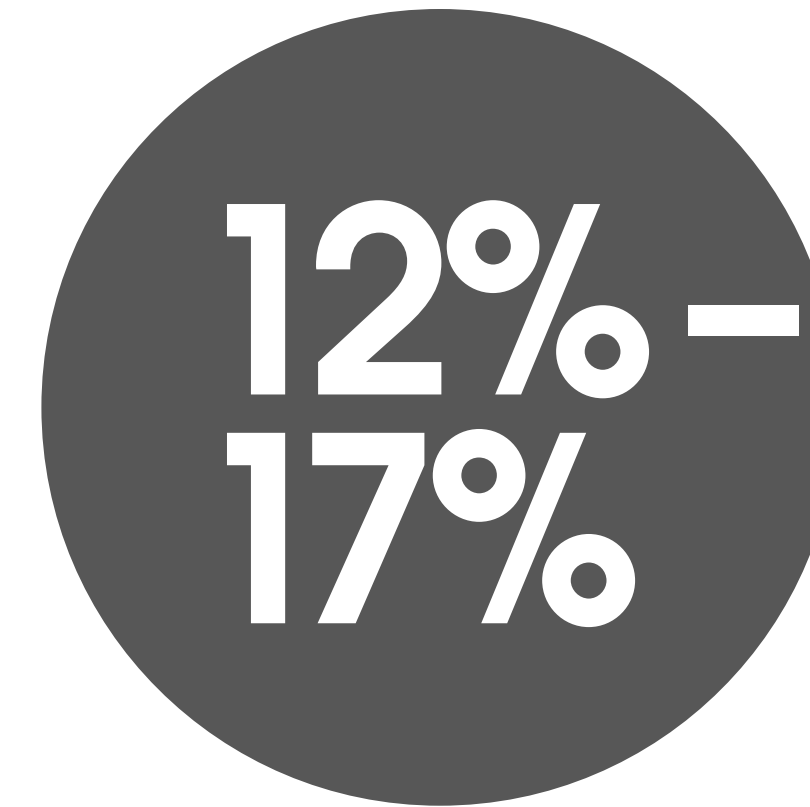
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A region disproportionately impacted...

Coast to Capital is a region which is likely to be disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. Job losses in Crawley, Worthing and other towns, with small business insolvencies in Brighton & Hove, Redhill and elsewhere have been a growing trend throughout the crisis.

The forecast impacts of the pandemic and lockdown are becoming real and we need to be aware of the scale of the challenge ahead.

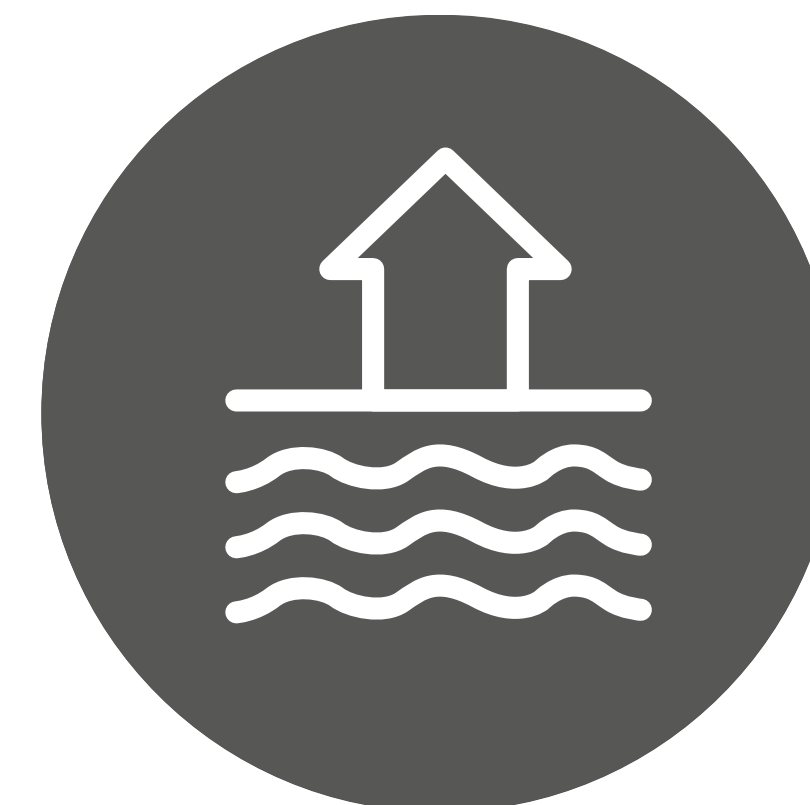
- Regional economic output could drop between 12% and 17% in 2020 according to estimates;
- In the next year GVA output in the Gatwick Diamond area could drop by 13%;
- Crawley has the highest employment vulnerability of any town or city in the UK; 80% of the town's jobs are impacted or vulnerable;
- Local authorities of Tandridge and Chichester are vulnerable due to their high percentages of self-employment; self-employed people were more likely to see their income fall during lockdown compared to employees;
- Brighton & Hove is in the top 25 towns and cities in the UK for insolvencies since the start of the lockdown;
- Two thirds of businesses in the UK have made use of the government's job retention scheme;
- Half of all of coastal towns in the UK are classified as being in the 'highest risk' group for exposure to COVID-19, with Littlehampton, Bognor Regis and Selsey among these;
- One in ten of the region's population still do not have regular access to the internet and are more isolated from information and new working practices.



estimated economic output drop in 2020



of Crawley jobs are impacted or vulnerable



half of all coastal towns are in the 'highest risk' group

...but well placed to recover

Whilst the region is hard hit, our recent evidence base shows that with support and investment, our towns and cities are well placed to recover and re-orientate our economy, creating fundamental change and long term growth.

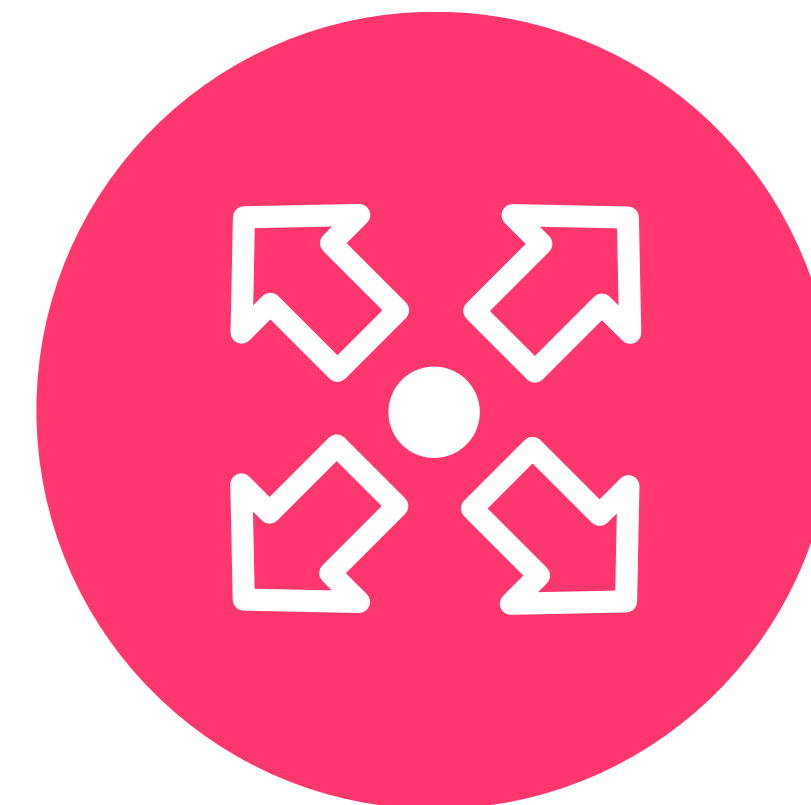
- Although growth has been constrained, our economy is one of the largest UK Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) area economies, worth £58 billion in 2019;
- We have a highly talented and qualified population, with half of our residents qualified to degree level or above;
- We have increasing business growth and specialisation in important sectors including the digital and green economy;
- We remain globally connected, with deep physical and commercial links to London;
- Brighton & Hove and Crawley have historically high start-up rates, with an entrepreneurial agility in Brighton which can underpin our recovery;
- We have unmet demand for space in our key growth locations;
- We have outstanding natural capital and quality of environment;
- We have a history of innovation, despite previous under investment in R&D;
- Strong regional representation by the LEP will bring business leadership to bear and attract significant inward investment to the region.



one of the largest LEP economies in the country



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Build back stronger

Build back stronger. Crawley and Gatwick: A centre for global growth

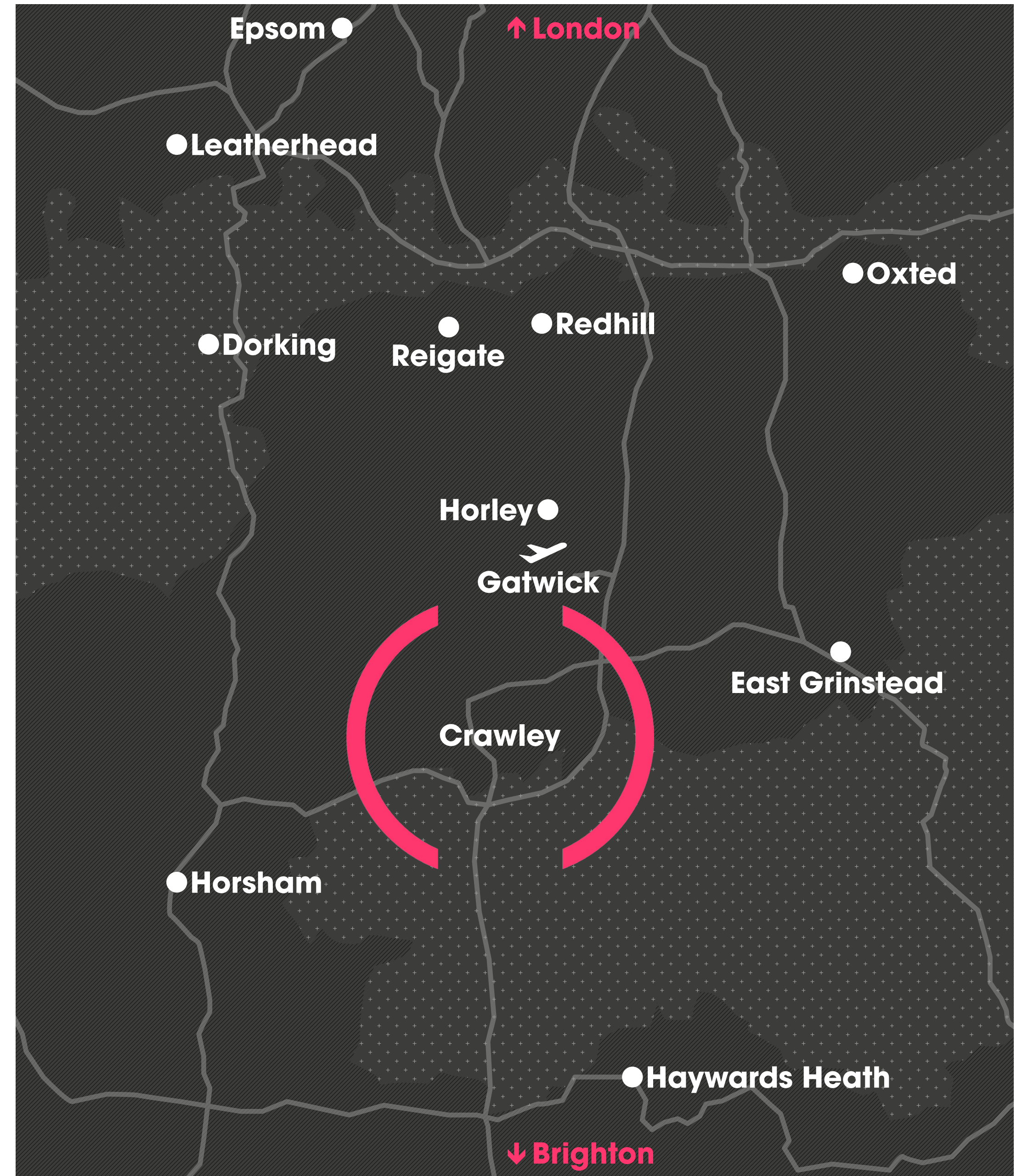
With 80% of the town's jobs potentially at risk from COVID-19, Crawley needs a bold approach to its future, to become a national hub for innovation and diversify its economy. This means building on the foundations of sector specialisation and productivity that already stem from the presence of Gatwick airport, but also rebuilding its economy in a way which is **stronger, more diverse and more resilient**.

We need to learn to see Gatwick airport for what it is: a large-scale **integrated transport hub** which has the same potential as any of the new HS2 destinations for economic transformation. This will require an appropriate growth vehicle to create the vision and attract public and private investment to deliver the infrastructure that the region needs to support development. To do this, we must promote the untapped potential of Crawley and the towns around it, to leverage the airport and make a full contribution to the future economy of Global Britain.

Building on work underway towards a Crawley Town Deal, there is potential to link together communities from Horley to Horsham and expand upon the existing business base at the Manor Royal Business District. New development would be at the forefront of prosperous urban design, providing **new homes, commercial space and leisure**. Directing investment into existing places will create the capacity and momentum needed to underpin the story of the place for the next 50 years and beyond.

With £8.6 million provisionally allocated from the Government's Getting Building Fund, we are focussing efforts with partners in the public and private sector to create a **world-class innovation centre within Crawley**, in the heart of Manor Royal. This will foster a **new innovation ecosystem**, next to Gatwick, bringing small and large enterprise together, fuelling skills and aspirations within the local population and across our region. It will also draw further private investment and business to Crawley.

Evolving Crawley will need significant local political vision and early infrastructure investment, whilst early intervention will expedite delivery and private investment. The complexity of planning and land ownership will require new structures, alongside new incentives for business, enabling the creation of the **UK's next commercial hub**.



Build back smarter

Build back smarter.

Brighton & Hove: A knowledge city

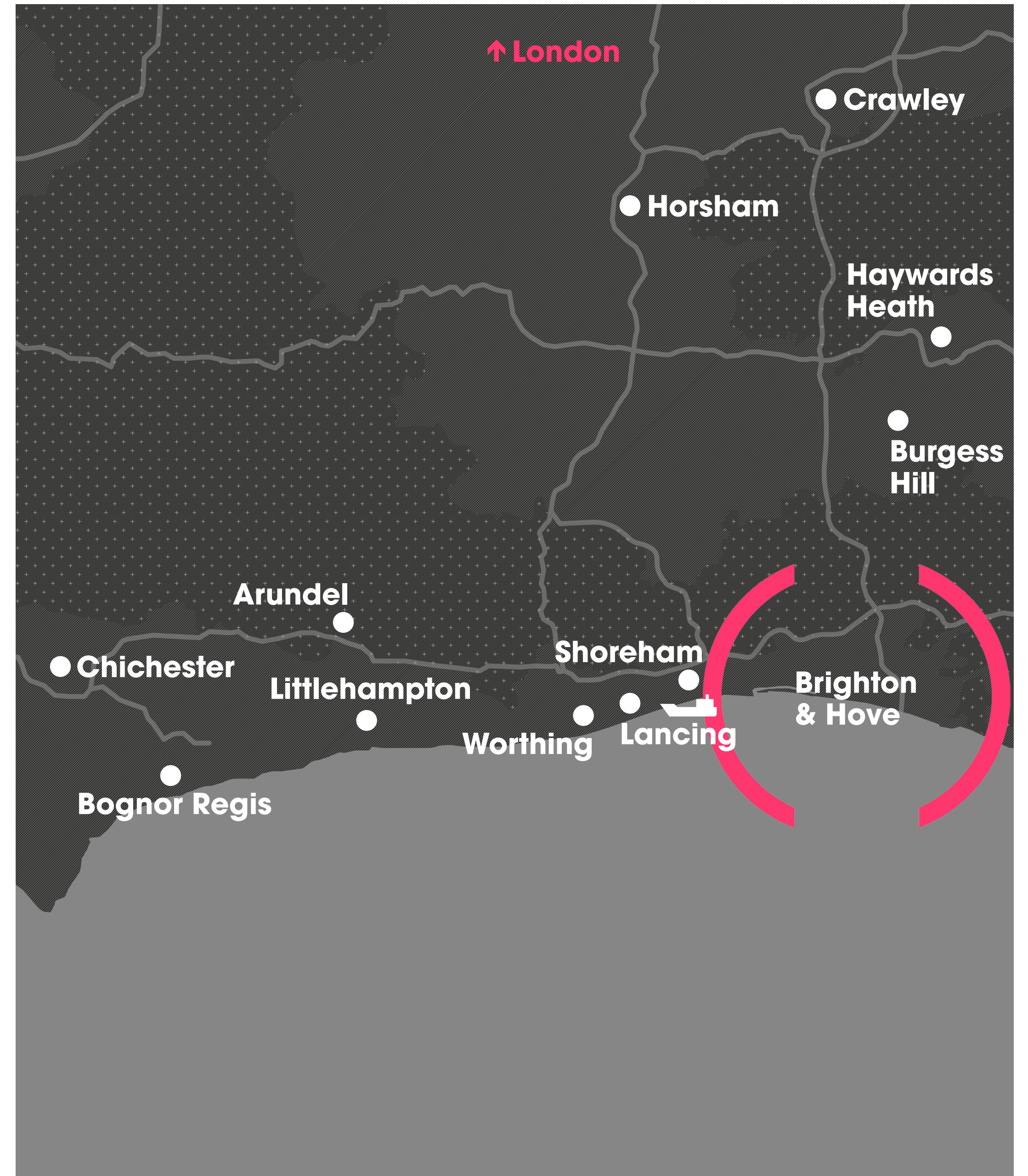
Brighton & Hove is arguably the most successful coastal city in the UK and is a global intellectual gateway. It is our region's only major city and the main driver of the knowledge economy within the Greater Brighton and wider Coast to Capital regions. **Creative, disruptive and collaborative** ways of working are embraced to respond to global challenges and economic opportunities. The city has led the way in **delivering innovation** by providing entrepreneurs with access to new digital technology.

With two universities and a highly entrepreneurial local workforce, Brighton is a restless creator of ideas and new ways of working, of benefit not only to our region but to the UK as a whole. As the city moves into the next phase of its digital evolution with investments into Innovation Centres and 5G, it is now well placed to be a **national leader in Quantum Computing**, commercialising the ideas from the University of Sussex's world-renowned **Quantum Technology Lab**.

These networks and facilities are now even more critical to support the evolution of the city, providing avenues to work and reskilling in recovery. They also provide the platform for **new tech-driven approaches** to the green economy, which will drive a clean recovery. Our aspiration is that this activity can emerge in Brighton and then be scaled across the Coast to Capital region.

The physical manifestation of our aspiration will be two **new urban innovation districts**. One at the heart of Brighton, with the other adjacent to Hove Station. These will provide much needed lab and commercial space, but will also deepen the human networks which will form the basis of collaboration, innovation and commercialisation.

This activity will need investment in digital and energy infrastructure in and around Brighton & Hove. Fundamental issues of movement and quality of environment will need to be addressed whilst we need early investment to support the human infrastructure of innovation.



Build back greener

Build back greener.

Tackling climate change and increasing natural capital

Our place centred plans to recover and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic support our evolution as a confident and resilient green growth region. We will build upon our innovation potential, industry specialisms and exceptional natural capital to create a new economy; one which balances our aspirations for growth with our responsibility to the environment and contribution toward national climate change targets.

- Champion and support the zero carbon aspirations of Gatwick airport and the recovering aviation industry. Gatwick itself aspires to be an exemplar of green development embracing bio-diversity and the concept of low impact construction.
- Use the expertise of our leading businesses, local authorities and university innovation networks, such as the Green Growth Platform (the South East Regional Hub of Clean Growth UK), to drive new markets for clean energy production and application across transport, homes, commerce and industry.
- Deliver retrofit programmes for homes and buildings at scale, working with local authorities, academics and leading community sector providers in our area. This offers potential for reskilling and employment growth in the green economy and opportunity to address energy inefficiency within the large private rented housing sector in Brighton & Hove. This work is a priority for the whole of the Greater Brighton City Region.
- Create a natural capital investment vehicle to develop a long-term pipeline of biodiversity and carbon offsetting investment opportunities.
- Use innovation specialisms within our economic centres to address the challenges to which our growing rural economy can respond. We will develop and apply automation, digital and low carbon technologies in our niche agriculture and viticulture sectors, as well as capitalising upon West Sussex's growing USP in solar energy and storage.



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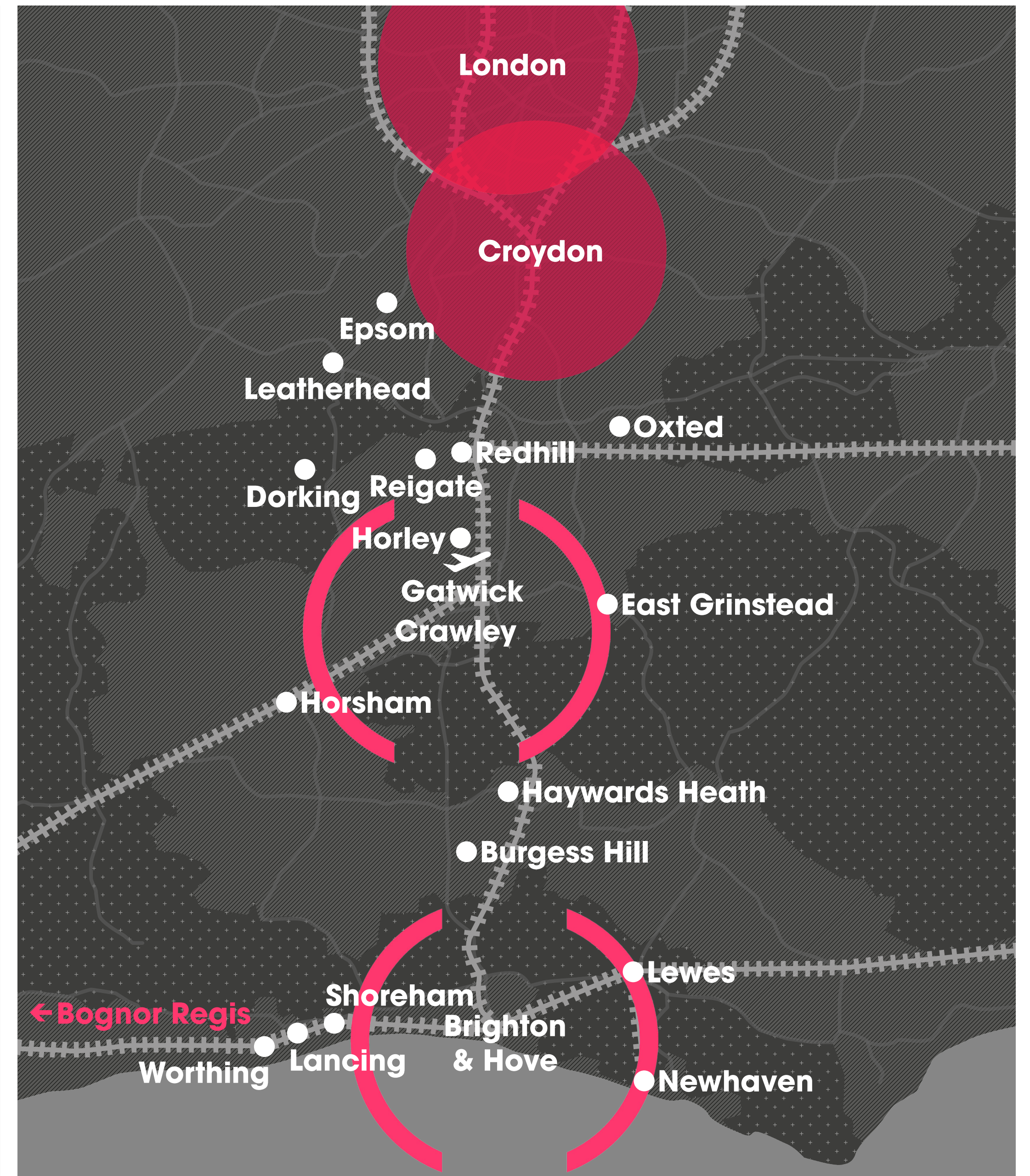
To deliver our bold new approach, we need investment in physical, digital and intellectual infrastructure. This is true across West Sussex and Surrey, as well as our major economic centres of Crawley and Brighton & Hove. And it is essential if we are to adapt and thrive within shifting global social and economic behaviours, changes likely to be compounded by COVID-19 and as we await a successful programme of vaccination.

Critical to our plans is the Brighton Main Line upgrade and specifically the Croydon Area Remodelling Scheme, a major investment to **unblock one of the busiest and most congested rail routes in the country**. This will enable more frequent and reliable services between our economic centres and into London. It will align demand and capacity in the regional rail network and reduce congestion on our roads, supporting shared transport priorities developed by Transport for the South East; it will enable opportunities for development and growth way beyond the railway itself and outside the boundaries of our region.

Coast to Capital will continue to prioritise funding for partners to ensure we have **comprehensive digital infrastructure coverage** that allows businesses in our local communities to respond to new ways of working and access future opportunities, such as those made available through 5G applications.

We look forward to playing a full part in **delivering a plan for regional economic recovery**, working closely with partner organisations across public, private and community sectors. The scale of the challenge requires the participation of all communities and economic sectors in order to allow all parts of our region to meet their economic potential. The profound commitment to diversity and inclusion is one of our region's fundamental strengths.

Our collaboration with partner LEPs has led to the announcement of **Catalyst South** to Government, the start of a regional economy body to complement the Northern Powerhouse and Midlands Engine. Coast to Capital also continues to partner closely with the London Borough of Croydon and the GLA: the growth of Croydon and our region go hand in hand, and it is essential to ensure that our strategic development is aligned.



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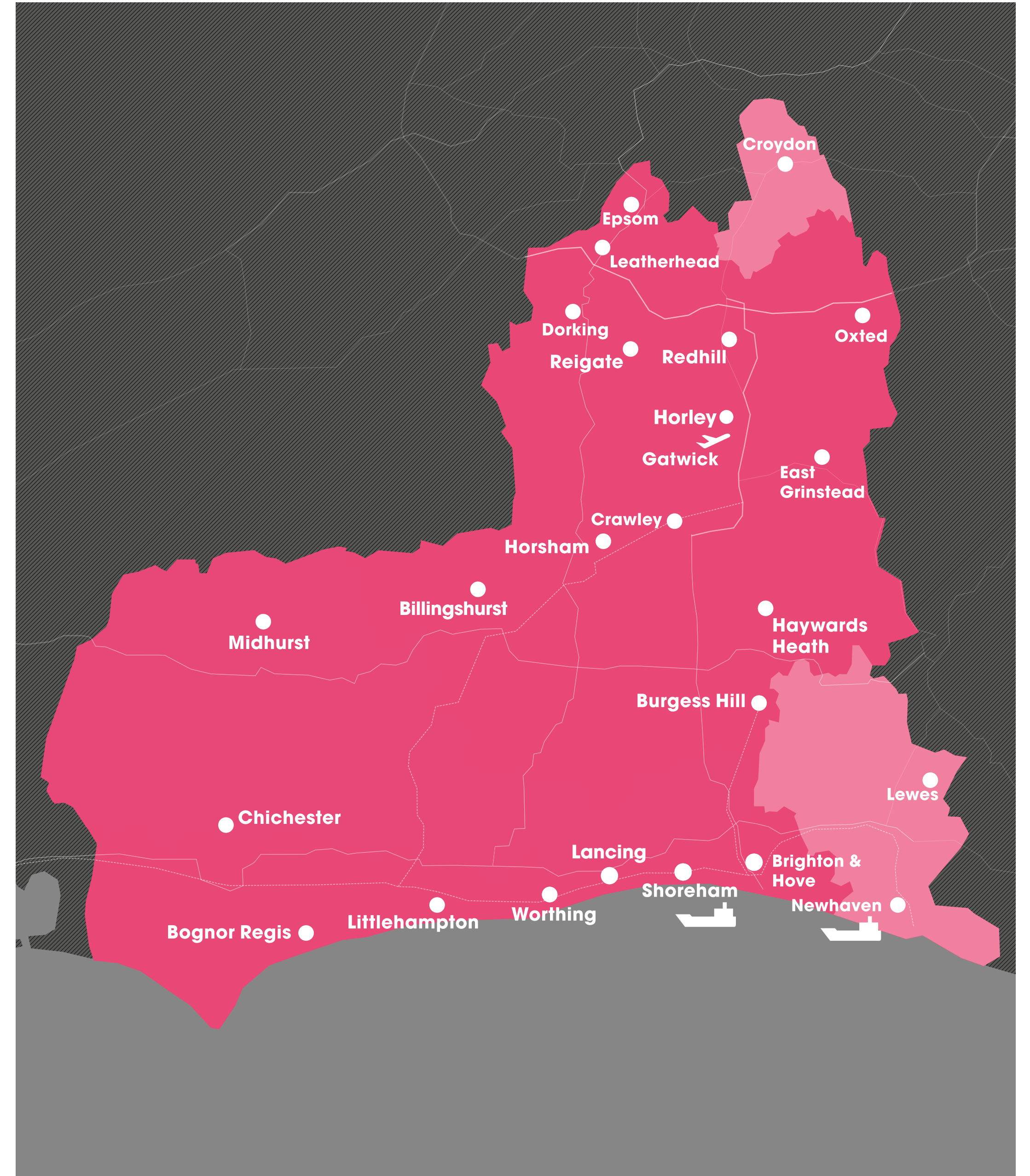
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Our initial testing of these proposals reveals the potential to lever significant national and international private investment to support new development and infrastructure in the Coast to Capital region, with backing from Government.

Building on the solid foundations of our allocated Getting Building Fund projects, we have identified a further – more significant – series of interventions toward economic recovery that will help to unlock the potential of our region.

We are in a position to develop a business case for all of these projects. These would lead in most cases to infrastructure investment in our region and in others skills development and job opportunities – in many cases both. We would like to discuss Government support in order to allow these cases to be developed:

-  Establish a **development vehicle for Crawley and the surrounding towns** to take forward a vision for coordinated growth around Gatwick airport that will complement the Town Deal and Town Investment Plan
-  Give an appropriate priority to **infrastructure development** around Gatwick to support a sustainable pattern of growth in Crawley and other towns around the airport
-  Create and run a new, industry led **innovation centre** to drive business growth, aspiration and the creation of high quality jobs in Crawley
-  Deliver a **Quantum equity investment fund** to support commercialisation of ideas from the Quantum Technology Lab and create two new urban innovation districts in Brighton & Hove
-  Accelerate and scale our pilot project to become a leader in **natural capital investment and bio-diversity net gain**



Our asks



Tackle carbon emissions through delivery of our **South2East local energy strategy**, working with local authorities and as a member of the **Greater South East Energy Hub**



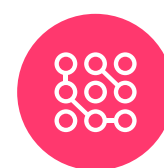
Create a **Greater Brighton hydrogen hub** to accelerate public and private sector investment in hydrogen production and uptake, particularly as an alternative transport fuel source



Commit to address the Croydon Bottleneck by progressing enabling works for the **Brighton Mainline upgrade** and provide access to the 5G capability of the planned **full fibre infrastructure** down the line



Support road investment in the Coast to Capital region through delivery of **Transport for the South East priority routes**, including the M23/A23, A27, A24 and new east west connections at Gatwick airport



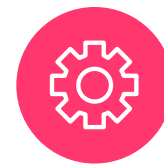
Deliver our **digital infrastructure** pipeline of projects, aligning skills provision with industry specialisms to create new jobs



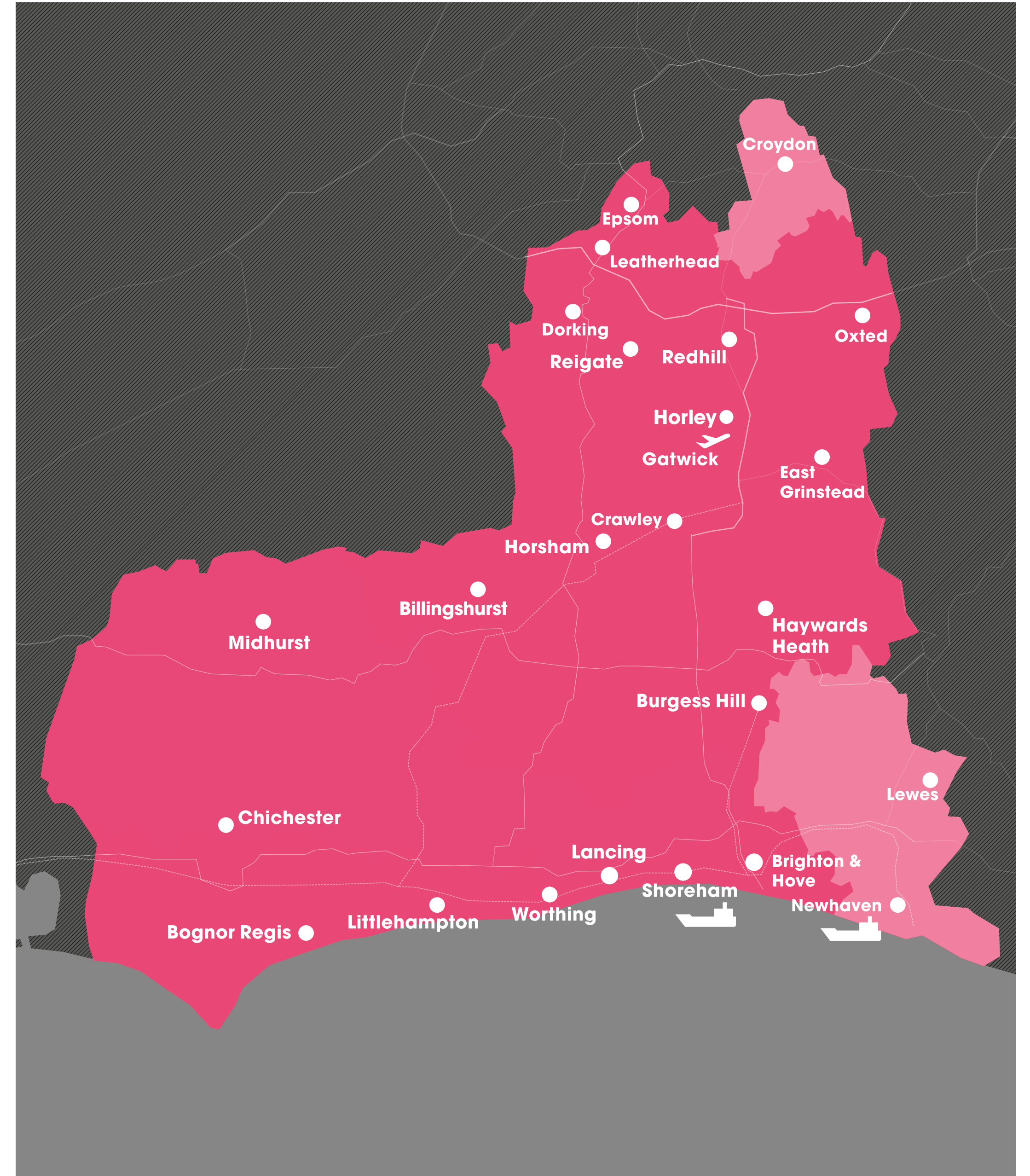
Explore the global potential of the **tourism, wine and horticulture sectors** in order to broaden the base of our economic recovery and turbo charge our region's natural strengths



Maximise the profile and success of our region as a destination for **overseas investment**, in line with the UK's changing global trading relationships



Deliver our Skills 360° Board's **Skills Action Plan**, which will be published in September 2020



More information

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Subject:	Greater Brighton 10 Environmental Pledges		
Date of Meeting:	20 October 2020		
Report of:	Chair, Greater Brighton Infrastructure Panel		
Contact Officer:	Name:	Mike Gilson, GBEB Comms Team	Tel:
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LA(s) affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT**

- 1.1 At the Board Meeting on 14 July 2020, the Board agreed to the recommendations within a report from the Chair of the Greater Brighton Infrastructure Panel. The key recommendation within the report was the approval of the Greater Brighton Energy Plan and the Greater Brighton Water Plan. These ambitious plans set out a number of forward-thinking projects that will help ensure the security, sustainability and affordability of future energy and water demands of the region.
- 1.2 The Infrastructure Panel met again in early October, and October will also see the reconvening of the separate working groups responsible for the development, and now delivery of the plans.
- 1.3 A second agreed recommendation within the July paper was for the Board to support the Greater Brighton Environmental 10 pledges that have been developed and to commit to the signing of the pledges at this Board Meeting.
- 1.4 The Greater Brighton Communications Team have prepared the Greater Brighton Ten Pledges (Appendix 1) – highlighting five energy and five water plan projects which are priorities for the Board to meet the objectives set out in the plans. Once agreed these pledges will be used to inform a communications campaign that will support the launch of the plans and showcase the City Region’s ambitions around sustainable and responsible growth.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Board sign up to the 10 Environmental Pledges at Appendix 1.
- 2.2 That Member organisations do all they can so support these pledges through their existing work and emerging projects within the Greater Brighton Energy and Water Plans.
- 2.3 That progress against the pledges is brought back to the Board.

3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 In April 2018, the Greater Brighton Infrastructure Panel was established. The key remit of the panel was to oversee the development of Energy and Water plans that are highly practical in application and which provide a clear indication of priorities, investment opportunities and potential financial mechanisms and sources for delivery.
- 3.2 The Energy Plan is practical and focused on delivery. It identifies proposals to accelerate the delivery of energy projects that will boost resilience and security and at the same time reduce carbon emissions. The plan was commissioned with a target seeking zero carbon by 2050, but things have moved on and partners have set their own dates, so the plan is led by what partners want to do in their own localities.
- 3.3 The Water Plan builds on work around the water environment that's already in progress across a number of organisations to set out a range of opportunities to address ongoing challenges in new, innovative ways, yielding much increased benefits for the local area, compared to current, 'conventional' approaches.
- 3.4 The plans are essentially a collection of key projects and deliverables and are therefore technical in nature. Communication on both the ambitions of the Board and the potential projects arising from the Energy and Water plans is crucial to gain support to help facilitate delivery.
- 3.5 To that end, the Greater Brighton Comms Team have led on the development of 10 pledges that will sit above the plans. Board Members are asked to “sign up” to these 10 environmental pledges and the Comms Team will then be able to promote this important work through various channels. To accompany the pledges a video has been produced to help bring the pledges and plans to life. The long version of the video has been edited down into a number of bitesize chunks that are more suitable for transmitting via the various social media outlets.
- 3.6 Green recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic is high on Government’s priority list. The ambitious environmental pledges are very much in-line with this thinking, as they clearly demonstrate to Government and regional stakeholders the Board’s aspiration for the City Region to grow back in a sustainable and responsible way. The 10 pledges and the underlying Energy and Water Plans are very much linked to the economic recovery and future prosperity of the City Region.

4. GB10 Communications Campaign

- 4.1 The GB10 gives the Greater Brighton City Region an opportunity to position itself as a major force in the co-ordinated delivery of clean growth and action on climate change. By pledging to support it Board Members give considerable weight and commitment to projects that both create economic prosperity but also contribute to tackling climate change. It is a clear statement of intent from a powerful collection of voices. It is important that all Member organisations buy into GB10 and that their own sustainability programmes and officers both amplify the message and add to its actions as we progress. This will need internal communications support. There has been consultation and engagement with

both sets of working group members and wider stakeholders from public, private and third sector organisations, gas and electricity suppliers, universities and consultancies.

- 4.2 The campaign itself will be directed at the media, stakeholders, potential investors, government, and residents. It will attempt to position Greater Brighton as a region of action on the environment given both the beauty of the place in which we live but the increasing pressure its infrastructure is under. We want nothing less than to send out that message that Greater Brighton's signature action is on the environment.
- 4.3 An eight-minute film has been produced to showcase the 10 pledges and shorter versions of each pledge have been created for Social Media. A separate section on the Greater Brighton website has been created which contains images, the pledges themselves and the infrastructure projects on which they are based. This section will be regularly updated with news on the projects. All Social Media platforms will be utilized to spread the message, referring readers back to the website section and regular press trips to particular projects will be held. A Social Media tool kit (including film clips) will be released shortly for all Board Members to help support this messaging.
- 4.4 Updates on the GB10 should be given on a regular basis and press releases issued on progress. Through the GBEB press office we will encourage GB10 expert speakers and press spokespeople from throughout GBEB membership to help promote the work on energy and water we are undertaking.
- 4.5 As a pledge we will have committed to taking real action and the GBEB Chair will commit to giving a comprehensive annual update on progress. This will also be filmed and shared widely via our channels.

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

- 5.1 A significant amount of officer time, both from member organisations and external partners, has gone into preparing the plans and the pledges.
- 5.2 There has been consultation and engagement with both sets of working group members and wider stakeholders from public, private and third sector organisations, gas and electricity suppliers, universities and consultancies.

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 The Greater Brighton 10 Pledges are important for two reasons; firstly they bring the Energy and Water Plans, which are technical in nature, to life, and mean they can be communicated to a wider audience. Secondly, they clearly set out the intent of the Board to be a leader in green economic recovery, which will be crucial as the City Region emerges from the COVID-19 crisis.

7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 7.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. A total of £10,000 (£5,000 for each plan) was identified in the 2018/19 Operational Arrangements Budget to support the final Water and Energy Plans. The Water and Energy Plans will explore future funding contributions which may include grants and external contributions.

Finance Officer Consulted: Rob Allen, Principal Accountant
Date: 08/10/2020

Legal Implications:

- 7.2 There are no legal implications arising at this stage from this report.

Lawyer Consulted: Joanne Dougnaglo, Senior Property Lawyer
Date: 07/10/2020

Equalities Implications:

- 7.3 The Water and Energy Plans will seek to ensure that the benefits are shared across the City Region. In addition, one of the key aims of both plans is to address inequalities by looking at how access to energy and water can be made affordable for all Greater Brighton residents.

Sustainability Implications

- 7.4 Delivering sustainable growth is a priority for the Board, and this has become increasingly important as the City Region looks to recover from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Growing economic, cultural and demographic constraints within the city region require us to be more resourceful with our amenities. To be able to meet the increased level of demand for energy and water, and benefit from technological change, the City Region needs to understand what the associated infrastructure requirements are going to be.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices

Appendix 1: Greater Brighton 10 pledges

Background Documents

Greater Brighton Infrastructure Panel Update July 2020

The GB10: Greater Brighton Pledges on the Environment

October 2020

Background & Context

The Greater Brighton City Region pledges to help tackle the climate change crisis and place itself at the centre of partnership efforts to effect real change.

The City Region, governed by the Greater Brighton Economic Board, is made up of Brighton & Hove City Council; Adur District Council; Arun District Council, Worthing Borough Council; Lewes District Council; Mid-Sussex District Council; Crawley Borough Council; University of Sussex; University of Brighton; Greater Brighton MET College; Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership; Brighton & Hove Economic Partnership; Adur & Worthing Business Partnership; Coastal West Sussex Partnership; and the South Downs National Park Authority.

We will use our combined authority, lobbying power, expertise and knowledge to work towards the following ten pledges on a range of environmental issues chiefly concerning water and energy conservation. The pledges are headline actions which reference an extensive range of project work about to begin under Greater Brighton auspices and with partner organisations.

1. Kelp

A scheme to reintroduce a 10-mile kelp forest off the coast of Sussex will be backed by Greater Brighton. The existing kelp forest has been largely destroyed but a plan for a Sussex Near-Shore Trawling Byelaw for Sussex District protecting the seabed proposed by the Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority (IFCA) is currently before Government. Greater Brighton supports this effort. A new kelp forest that could be established in the wake of a byelaw could remove 70,000 tonnes of carbon per year from the atmosphere and help prevent coastal erosion. The Greater Brighton Economic Board pledges to lobby government and put its expertise at the service of this crucial enterprise.

Key words

Carbon capture. Greater Brighton members will commit to launching at least one carbon capture project, plant more trees, supporting our marshes and other projects. Many members have already committed to becoming carbon neutral by 2030.

2. Water Recycling

Greater Brighton is partnering Southern Water to begin a pilot project which will introduce recycled water to 3,500 homes on a new estate at the Northern Arc, Burgess Hill. This will mean toilet cisterns and, possibly, garden hose supplies will use perfectly acceptable standard quality water but not drinking quality. This will keep more than 60 million litres in the environment every year and mean cheaper bills for residents. Greater Brighton will support an application for an OFWAT Innovation Fund grant for this project. If successful, this could be rolled out to other housing estates.

Key words

Water preservation. Local water resources are finite and recycling the resource will save significantly on the amount needed to be taken from already stressed chalk aquifers underground.

3. Zero Emission Fleets

Greater Brighton members have hundreds of vehicles, pool cars, refuse trucks and vans. Plans are being developed to replace standard combustion engines with low carbon vehicles as part of contract renewal, to improve air quality, cut noisy engines, and reduce carbon emissions. Greater Brighton pledges to bring fresh impetus into this process so that 50 per cent of all Greater Brighton vehicles are low carbon by 2025. We aim to show the way and work with other fleet operators and partners across the region to achieve this goal together.

Key words

Low carbon. The government has decreed that no diesel, petrol or hybrid vehicles using existing technology can be manufactured after 2030 but Greater Brighton wants to build on this by phasing out the majority of these vehicles five years earlier including exploring hydrogen waste fleet.

4. EV Charging Points

Greater Brighton pledges to work to establish a network of Electric Vehicle charging points so that every resident in the region is within a convenient distance from an energy source for their electric vehicle by 2030. This network is essential in giving residents confidence that the support is in place to power low-carbon vehicles. We will work through the planning process to ensure all new homes have access to EV charge points and on-street EV charging is rolled out along key transport corridors.

Key words

Network. While many people are keen to invest in climate change tackling measures and practices Greater Brighton recognises that it has a key role in ensuring the infrastructure is in place to allow them to do so.

5. Rewilding

Rewilding is the process by which landscape is allowed to develop naturally allowing it to be more resilient to changing climate and encouraging biodiversity. Across Greater Brighton members are already working on rewilding projects such as Wildflower Lewes and Where the Wild Flowers Grow in Worthing. Greater Brighton member University of Sussex is working on research on rewilding and rain garden projects and Greater Brighton will support this.

Key words

Water erosion. Rewilding helps halt water erosion caused by increasing rainfall. Greater Brighton will launch a publicity campaign to encourage the development of rain gardens in new and existing residences.

6. Home Visits

Greater Brighton is to support Southern Water in delivering up to 50,000 water efficiency home visits by 2021. At least 10 per cent of these, or one pilot project per local authority will be the subject of combined visits to examine energy efficiency as well. It is estimated householders could save up to £78 a year on bills this way.

Key words

Efficiency. A one-stop visit by experts is an effective way of helping to achieve water and energy efficiency. A package of energy efficiency advice and referrals will also be offered, developed jointly with existing energy efficiency programmes such as LEAP and Warmer Sussex.

7. Low Carbon Heating

Decarbonisation of the housing stock is a clear priority. Greater Brighton members will support the roll-out of planned heat networks in Crawley, Shoreham, and Worthing. In rural villages we will work with the Community Energy sector on replacing outdated and polluting oil heating with electric heating and other low-carbon fuels. Heat networks require a long-term vision and new infrastructure, so local authorities are ideally placed to coordinate with developers and planners. These projects will ensure comfort for our residents and resilience.

Key words

Heating. Heating is responsible for 40% of Greater Brighton's carbon emissions and on average 55% of home energy costs. We commit to making our council homes warmer and cheaper to heat through retrofitting, developing the local supply chain to create jobs for the future.

8. Public Buildings

Greater Brighton members own a considerable amount of building space. Members are committed to reducing energy use by 50 per cent by 2030. Already energy efficiency refits and solar panels are helping cut energy use considerably for public buildings across the Greater Brighton region. Making public buildings beacon sites will demonstrate pathways to energy reduction to the business and communities that we serve.

Solar. Solar panels are a crucial way of reducing reliance on fossil fuels. Already the combined members of Greater Brighton are making great strides in increasing the contribution of solar powered energy to overall energy usage. For example the University of Sussex has the largest solar farm of any university in the UK.

9. Innovation

Greater Brighton's members, including two universities and business partners, will establish an Innovation Forum to drive forward local project delivery, build partnerships and aid local capacity building and learning. It will also bring together latest research and best practice that can be shared across the region. Greater Brighton will explore opportunities to establish a Green Fund allowing environmental entrepreneurs to access seed funding for innovative climate change tackling projects.

Key words

Research, innovation, partnership, investment, delivery. The science behind tackling climate change is ever changing and Greater Brighton with its important Universities is ideally placed to be at the centres of this research in the region.

10. Lobby

Greater Brighton members together have a powerful voice which has been used to call for progressive change for its citizens. Greater Brighton has the ear of government, MPs and other key decision makers. In this programme Greater Brighton pledges to press central government to increase water and energy efficiency standards for new and existing buildings to reduce bills, cut carbon emissions and increase climate resilience so that usage is reduced to 80 litres per day from the current voluntary requirement of 110 litres per day. We will also lobby on energy efficiency and renewable energy issues such as changes to the Renewable Heat Incentive.

Key words

80 litres. Greater Brighton will lobby for tightening water efficiency standards for new homes from 110 litres usage per person per day to 80 to reduce the pressure from new buildings on our water-stressed region.

Subject:	Greater Brighton Investment Programme – Progress Update		
Date of Meeting:	20th October 2020		
Report of:	Chair, Greater Brighton Officer Programme Board		
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LA(s) affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT

- 1.1 The purpose of the Investment Plan Update is to provide the Greater Brighton Economic Board (“the Board”) with an update on progress on the Greater Brighton Investment Programme (“the Investment Programme”) since the Board’s last meeting on 14 July 2020.
- 1.2 Updates are included on the Local Growth Fund (LGF) allocations made as part of the Growth Deal Rounds 1, 2 and 3. The period covered by this report is 1 July 2020 to 30 September 2020.
- 1.3 This cover report provides some context on the LGF Funding Rounds and narrative updates on the Investment Programme projects. Further details on the individual projects can be found in the Investment Programme Update report at Appendix 1.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Board note the report and the Investment Programme Update at Appendix 1.

3. CONTEXT/BACKGROUND INFORMATION

LGF Growth Deal Rounds 1 & 2

- 3.1 A total of approximately £90m was allocated to projects across the City Region from LGF Growth Deal rounds 1 & 2. These projects will deliver a total investment of approximately £376m into the City Region, unlocking an estimated 14,000 jobs, 8,200 homes and 450,000m² of employment floor-space. Current active projects are listed below with a summary of progress since the last update.
 - 3.1.1 *Flood Alleviation Scheme (Newhaven) £7.5m*

The period January to June 2019 saw completion of all fixed flood defences under Newhaven FAS. The final element of the fixed defences, completed in mid-April, was a revised flood wall alignment in the Newhaven Port area of the

scheme. This alignment was revised in part to (successfully) address significant expected cost overruns had the original alignment been followed and also responded to uncertainty about future land use in Newhaven Port. The revised alignment also provided the opportunity to trial the use of low-carbon ('Cemfree') cement with 88% less embodied carbon than traditional cement.

The demountable flood barrier over the A26 has now been successfully completed. Substantial progress on the rail flood barrier together with Network Rail has been made, with 90% of all works now completed. Works on this aspect of the scheme are anticipated to commence in June 2020, subject to final legal agreements.

3.1.2 Port Access Road (Newhaven) £10.0m

Construction commenced early January 2019, with works now well underway. BAM Nuttall has been appointed as contractor. Construction is expected to take 19 months to complete. Overall programme remains on track with bridge now in place and work having commenced on cycle / footways, as well as remediation work on adjoining land.

3.1.3 New England House Growth Centre (Brighton) - £4.9m

A design team is in place, a construction project manager has been engaged, and work continues to progress on a detailed design for the building. This has included a range of survey work that has been undertaken to inform the design process and ensure that options are followed that are best able to reduce overall construction costs, optimise floorplates for proposed additional floorspace and reduce potential impacts on existing units while meeting the outputs of City Deal. At the time of writing 3 design options are being costed by a Quantity Surveyor, whose findings will then be modelled in respect of determining a business case.

3.1.4 Digital Catapult & 5G Testbed (Brighton) - £1.8m

In late August, the 5G Testbed at the FuseBox was partially re-opened to enable businesses on the Accelerator Programme to complete their product development to proof-of-concept stage. 4 of the 6 companies on the programme were able to do this, with two dropping out due to Covid-19. Promo videos on each company were produced. A short summary is available here. The 4th cohort of 8 Creative Industry businesses has started on their programme, the sessions for which are currently being run online. The 5G Brighton Testbed (together with national partners including Warner Music and O2) were successful in their funding proposal to DCMS for a project ("5G Festival") focussed on the Music Industry. Funding for the Research & Innovation Ring & Testbed was successfully made to C2C & MHCLG by a consortium of regional partners including BHCC & MSDC and, together with the 5G Festival activity, will provide ongoing additional innovation support and investment for our regional creative technology sector. Support for immersive businesses has now been restarted, but currently at a much more limited scale than pre-Covid.

3.1.5 Circus Street Innovation Centre & Regeneration (Brighton) - £2.7m

Work has been focussed on the residential blocks – which are nearing completion at the time of writing. There has been little progress on The Dance Space over the last period, partly due to delays in signoff of detailed design elements, but largely due to labour shortages. Despite these issues, however, work is progressing to some extent or other on all elements of the build, including the office block, offsite public realm works.

3.1.6 Plus X (Brighton) - £7.7m

Having opened in June 2020, the first building to be completed on site, Plus X continues to promote its facilities and increase its membership. Despite challenging conditions due to Covid-19, which resulted in a slower start than anticipated, the building currently has around 100 memberships on flexible plans. The management team is also negotiating with established businesses with a view to taking significant floorspace on levels 5 and 6. Since opening, Plus X has also successfully launched its scale up innovation programme, BRITE, which is due to commence on 1st October. The Brighton Research Innovation Technology Exchange (BRITE) is a business innovation programme for ambitious and established businesses primarily based in the Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership region. Other elements of the wider development have made considerable progress. The student blocks on the barracks site are nearing completion and construction of the residential blocks are underway. The University of Brighton's adjacent development is also advancing well with all 5 student blocks on the Mithras House site clearly visible.

3.1.7 Valley Gardens – Phases 1 & 2 (Brighton) - £8.0m

The Valley Gardens main contract has achieved completion. We are currently in final account negotiations with the Main Contractor including COVID-19 related claims.

The scheme is now operational, and the main construction Contract has come to an end. Defects and snagging works will continue for the next few months and maintenance for the gardens will continue for the next three years. Recent press releases and drone footage replaced our planned launch event due to Covid-19 restrictions. Monitoring will commence in October to help monitor the schemes success but early positive feedback from the community and stakeholders indicates the scheme has been well received.

3.1.8 Adur Tidal Walls & Western Harbour Arm Flood Defences (Shoreham-By-Sea) – £10.5m

Key areas of progress since the last period include;

- Established Design Team
- Preliminary survey programme
- Developed designs for flood wall to RIBA3/4
- Preparation of cost plans for delivery
- Early engagement with Volker Stevin through new EA Framework

3.1.9 A2300 Corridor Improvements (Burgess Hill) - £17.0m

See 3.25 below

LGF Growth Deal Round 3

3.2 In February 2017 Coast to Capital announced that it has secured £66m through Round 3 of the Growth Deal. All six projects put forward by the Board were allocated funding - totalling £48.77m. The project updates are as follows:

Worthing Central Phase 1 (Worthing) - £5.6m

3.2.1 **Teville Gate:**

Main developments since the last period:

- Construction commenced on new office building for Teville Gate House and topping-out took place on 01/04/2020.
- Mosaic Capital's planning application was considered by planning committee on 04/03/2020 and resolution to grant permission subject to S106
- Homes England provided a letter committing to support the project with funding of £6m for affordable homes.

3.2.2 **Union Place:**

Main developments since the last period:

- Following the pre-app planning meeting held on 29 November 2019, further design work design work has been included within project plans.
- The project team have been reviewing legal and insurance implications and detailed rights to light and covenants with a view to undertaking a S203 report.
- Planning application submitted 6th March 2020.

3.2.3 Decoy Farm (Worthing) - £4.8m

Preparatory works for remediation:

- Environmental Screening opinion letter submitted to LPA
- Site specific Flood Risk Assessment commenced
- Ground Investigations completed (03/2020)
- Investigation of compensatory land/habitat underway
- Master-planning work underway to support marketing.
- Contractor frameworks identified for remediation.

Preparatory works for disposal:

- Disposal Options Report completed
- Title report commissioned

3.2.4 New Monks Farm & Airport (Shoreham-By-Sea) - £5.7m

ADC, WSCC, and developers finalised the S106 agreement and planning decision letter was issued on 06/02/2020.

Work to address onsite contamination commenced in September 2019. Ecological works and ground works are underway.

3.2.5 Growth Location (Burgess Hill) - £14.9m

Northern Arc: Work is continuing on site with housebuilder Countryside Properties. Work on Western Link Road to continue throughout the autumn. The project will deliver a new roundabout connecting to the A2300 and will give future access to the Northern Arc employment space. Completion of the roundabout is expected by the end of December 2020, with the whole link road scheduled for completion by the end of 2021.

Place and Connectivity: A public-facing engagement (which was successfully conducted through digital channels, mail drops, and public advertising) concluded July 2020, with around 350 responses received. Work has begun on delivery of the first of the phase 1 schemes including public art and other public realm improvements to the underpass at Wivesfield Railway station. Detailed design work continues for highway improvements at Burgess Hill and Wivesfield Stations, public realm improvements for Church Walk / Church Road, and access & connectivity improvements for Victoria Business Park.

A2300 corridor improvements: Construction began in spring 2020 and is ongoing. The project remains on schedule for completion by March 2021.

Employment space, The Hub: The second phase of development (a 5,000m² warehouse for Roche Diagnostics) was completed in early February. Outline planning permission for the remaining 40,000m² has been approved, and issued.

Digital Infrastructure: Works to implement the Digital Infrastructure across and around Burgess Hill, including a southern link to Brighton and a northern link via Horsham to Crawley, are well progressed despite Covid-19 challenges. A number of Dig-Once opportunities have been identified which will further reduce the impact of the works on the travelling public and highway network. Works are planned to commence on site in September, under a phased approach with up to four work-fronts at any one time. Additional funding has also been sought from the LEP for the Brighton Link, to deliver a more resilient network connection between Crawley and Brighton, which will be owned by the Authority, rather than relying on leasing 3rd party commercial infrastructure.

One public estate (OPE) 7:

The Brow - redevelopment of an extended Brow site in Burgess Hill will provide enhanced accommodation for the emergency and primary care services and to create space for 440 new homes (led by WSCC). Consultants Faithful and Gould completed viability study at the beginning of June which is currently being reviewed ahead of engagement and discussion with other stakeholders. As the scheme is at the design stage Covid-19 has not had an impact.

Land adjacent to Burgess Hill station - The conceptual scheme covers a 2.3 hectare site and will provide 240 apartments, a 350 space multi-storey car park, 500m² of employment space and significant remodelling of the train station infrastructure. Consultants CBRE delivered a second-draft feasibility report in June. The next steps will be to agree an engagement strategy with the other key stakeholders, Network Rail and The Arch Company (the principal land-owner at the site). As the scheme is at the design stage Covid-19 has not had an impact at this time.

Goddards Green Waste Water Treatment Works: Phase 1 of the project has been completed delivering most of the odour reduction benefits. All the £4m LGF-funding has been spent, and the project is now continuing at pace funded through the £6.54m HIF grant. Covid-19 has caused a slight delay to the project, resulting from staff in Southern Water's supply chain being furloughed and from the overseas suppliers of some components temporarily closing their factories. Whilst an overall delay of three months is anticipated, the project has robust mitigation measures in place which will ensure that all the odour reduction benefits are realised by December 2020.

3.2.6 Waterfront (Brighton) - £12.1m

Pre-app process commenced for the Black Rock site - planning application targeted for end of October in order to keep to programme (for expenditure of LEP funds by March 2021).

LGF Growth Deal Unallocated Funds Rounds 1 & 2 – December 2016 Call

3.3 In December 2016 Coast to Capital announced that it had approximately £46.65m of unallocated funds available to support capital growth projects. The Greater Brighton Economic Board put forward eight bids, five of which received funding totalling approximately £9.9m. The project updates are as follows:

3.3.1 Adur Civic Centre (Shoreham-By-Sea) - £1.8m

Phase 2: Public consultation on proposed development by Hyde Housing took place on 20/02/2020 and detailed design work is underway with a view to the planning application being submitted in Summer 2020.

Issues have arisen from Hyde Housing due to Covid19 and will delay exchange and submission of the planning application.

3.3.2 Springman House (Lewes) – £2.0m

Following the purchase of the site by Lewes District Council, plans have been drawn up with the East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service Sussex Police and the South East Coast Ambulance Service. The Council now awaits appointment of a developer for the NSQ scheme in order for this enabling project to move forwards.

3.3.3 Railway Quay (Newhaven) - £1.5m

Flood defence works on site now completed and negotiations underway with existing tenant re: relocation. Initial masterplan has been prepared and discussions undertaken with potential tenants. However, delays have been created by the closure of the adjacent UTC@harbourside. LDC has secured £1.3m from the Getting Building Fund (subject to business case) to convert the former UTC building into a maritime and sustainable technology hub, offering education / training space and commercial facilities for SME's. Discussions with DfE are ongoing around lease arrangements. This has been augmented by a commitment of £500k from LDC towards the estimated £1.8m project costs. Railway Quay is progressing, with £500k secured from Towns Fund Accelerated Project Funding to deliver new visitor, community and sustainability facilities, including a café and active travel hub. A planning application will be submitted in October, with start on site in January 2021.

3.3.4 Eastside South (Newhaven) - £1.6m

Work on Phase 1 was completed in 2018, with two new occupiers operational by April 2019.

Work on Phase 2 commenced in April 2019 and demand has been strong for the new units. Almost all units now either occupied or under offer.

3.3.5 Heritage Centre Stage – Corn Exchange & Studio Theatre (Brighton) - £3.0m

The Council's appointed Management Contractor, Westridge Construction Limited, is progressing emergency and remedial works to achieve weatherproof buildings. Following the completion of all structural remedial works to the 200 year-old Corn Exchange timber frame, lead guttering and new slate roof are completed. While the site remained open during the lockdown, a number of subcontractors furloughed staff and longer lead in times for materials caused delays to progressing works of circa 12 to 14 weeks. The council has considered its options to continue the works to Practical Completion and is to continue with Westridge to avoid further delays to the handover of the building to Brighton Dome Brighton Festival, which would add to its financial pressures caused by the Covid-19 crisis. Practical Completion is now anticipated in November 2021.

LGF Growth Deal Unallocated Funds Rounds 1 & 2 – July 2017 Call

3.4 In July 2017 Coast to Capital launched a new funding round for unallocated funds from rounds 1 & 2. In December 2017, Coast to Capital announced that a total of £27 million had been allocated in the areas of Housing, Regeneration & Infrastructure; Business, Enterprise & Skills; and Transport. Around £12m of the total is supporting projects from across Greater Brighton:

- Crawley College STEM & Digital Centre (Crawley) - £5.0m
- Pelham Campus Redevelopment (Brighton) - £5.0m
- Ricardo Hybrid Powertrain (Shoreham-by-Sea) - £1.5m
- Charleston Trust Centenary Project (Lewes) - £0.6m

LGF Growth Deal Unallocated Funding – June 2019 Call

3.5 In June 2019 Coast to Capital announced that it had approximately £9.1m of unallocated funds available to support capital growth projects. Funds would specifically target projects that contribute towards the Coast to Capital Gatwick 360 Strategic Economic Plan (SEP); to deliver economic outputs as detailed within the 8 priorities SEP, or to support medium term delivery of the Strategy. This call was open for Expression of Interest (EOI) applications from Tuesday 11th June 2019 until 12noon on Tuesday 2nd July 2019.

3.6 A total of 6 projects from across the Greater Brighton region were awarded funding:

- Developing Land Based Skills and Skills Resilience in People (Plumpton College) - £831,265
- Gigabit Coast: Adur & Worthing (Adur & Worthing Councils) – £2,000,000
- Haywards Heath College (Chichester College Group) – £1,200,000
- Crawley Growth Programme Phase 3 (Crawley DC/West Sussex CC) - £820,000
- Brighton 5G Fibre Ring (Brighton & Hove City Council) - £832,647
- Littlehampton Town Centre Public Realm Improvement Scheme (Arun District Council) - £564,274

In addition, West Sussex County Council were awarded £2,000,000 for the Converged Fibre Connectivity Programme, which will have an impact across the West Sussex Districts.

4. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

4.1 None required.

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

5.1 None required.

6. CONCLUSION

6.1 The Board is asked to note the contents of this report.

7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

7.1 There are no direct financial implications associated with this report regarding the progress made in the second quarter of this financial year on approved schemes within the Greater Brighton Investment Programme. Schemes already included within the Greater Brighton Investment Programme have approved business cases in place with funding options identified and these have been reported to their respective bodies. The progress of each scheme is detailed within the Investment Plan Update Report in appendix 1 and includes schemes with funding approved under Phases 1,2 and 3 of the Growth Deal Rounds. Future or revised

business plans will be reported accordingly within the timescales of the project timetables.

*Finance Officer Consulted: Rob Allen, Principal Accountant
Date: 09/10/2020*

Legal Implications:

None.

*Lawyer Consulted: Joanne Dougnaglo, Senior Property Lawyer
Date: 08/10/2020*

Equalities Implications:

- 7.2 None arising from this report. Equalities issues will be addressed on a project-by-project basis.

Sustainability Implications:

- 7.3 None arising from this report. Sustainability issues will be addressed on a project-by-project basis.

Any Other Significant Implications:

- 7.4 None.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

Greater Brighton Investment Update Report July 2020

Background Documents:

None



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Highlight Summary

PROJECT	DELIVERY PARTNERS	REPORT HIGHLIGHT
Burgess Hill Strategic Growth Programme	Mid Sussex District Council, Homes England, West Sussex CC, Burgess Hill Town Council, Coast to Capital, Department of Transport, and developers.	<p>Northern Arc: Work is continuing on site with housebuilder Countryside Properties. Work on Western Link Road to continue throughout the autumn. The project will deliver a new roundabout connecting to the A2300 and will give future access to the Northern Arc employment space.</p> <p>A2300 corridor improvements: Construction began in spring 2020 and is ongoing. The project remains on schedule for completion by March 2021.</p>
Plus X	Brighton & Hove City Council	<p>Having opened in June 2020, the first building to be completed on site, Plus X continues to promote its facilities and increase its membership. Despite challenging conditions due to Covid-19, which resulted in a slower start than anticipated, the building currently has around 100 memberships on flexible plans. The management team is also negotiating with established businesses with a view to taking significant floorspace on levels 5 and 6. Since opening, Plus X has also successfully launched its scale up innovation programme, BRITE, which is due to commence on 1st October. Other elements of the wider development have made considerable progress. The student blocks on the barracks site are nearing completion and construction of the residential blocks are underway. The University of Brighton's adjacent development is also advancing well with all 5 student blocks on the Mithras House site clearly visible.</p>
Railway Quay	Lewes District Council	<p>Railway Quay is progressing, with £500k secured from Towns Fund Accelerated Project Funding to deliver new visitor, community and sustainability facilities, including a café and active travel hub. A planning application will be submitted in October, with start on site in January 2021.</p>
Valley Gardens	Brighton & Hove City Council, 2C Local Enterprise Partnership	<p>The Valley Gardens main contract has achieved completion. We are currently in final account negotiations with the Main Contractor including COVID-19 related claims.</p> <p>The scheme is now operational, and the main construction Contract has come to an end. Defects and snagging works will continue for the next few months and maintenance for the gardens will continue for the next three years.</p>

Adur Civic Centre - Shoreham



Funding (all years)

Total LGF Funding	£1.71m
Total Public Funding	£0.0m
Total Private Funding	£9.89m
Total Other Funding	£0.00m
Total Funding	£11.60m

Outputs

Phase 1 North Site -30,000sqft of employment space

Phase 2 South Site – 987sqm of employment space and 171 residential units

What happened in the last period?

Phase 1: completed in April 2019

Phase 2: Public consultation on proposed development by Hyde Housing took place on 20/02/2020 and detailed design work is underway with a view to the planning application being submitted in Summer 2020.

Issues have arisen from Hyde Housing due to Covid1-9 and will delay exchange and submission of the planning application.

Target Milestones (Phase 2)

Planning Application: March 2020

Planning Determined: Autumn 2020

Start on site: Spring 2021

Completion: by April 2024

Aims & Objectives

Adur District Council have led on the development of a two phase scheme for the former Council offices in Shoreham. Phase 1 involved the development of a 30,000 sqft (gross) office building which is now complete and let to local business Focus Group following £9.89m of Council investment.

For Phase 2 the Council have identified Hyde Housing as the preferred bidder for the site (Hyde Housing) and are working to finalise contracts. A planning application is anticipated in Spring 2020 for 171 homes and ground floor commercial space.

Key Facts

Delivery Partners: Adur District Council. Willmott Dixon, Hyde Housing Group

Burgess Hill Strategic Growth Programme



Artist's impression

Aims & Objectives

The programme will deliver transformative change to the town, secure major growth and significant improvements in housing, jobs, infrastructure, and social and community facilities. To support the programme the following grant funding has been secured:

- **£17 million** from the Local Growth Fund (LGF) to support A2300 corridor improvements comprising an upgrade to a dual carriageway, junction improvements, and the provision of a footway and cycleway linking to the National Cycle Network.
- **£10.9 million** LGF funding for a Place and Connectivity package of sustainable transport schemes including improvements to Burgess Hill and Wivelsfield railway stations, public realm improvements, and an inter-urban cycle route between Haywards Heath and Burgess Hill.
- **£4 million** LGF and a further **£6.5 million** Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) to improve the Goddard's Green Waste Water Treatment works, unlocking land to develop a further 256 homes.
- Up to **£2.2 million** from the Government's Local Full Fibre Network fund and **£2 million** LGF and **£1.6 million** retained business rates to support the implementation of new digital infrastructure for Burgess Hill which in turn will stimulate the market for internet service providers.
- **£165k** from One Public Estate for design and feasibility studies to redevelop 'The Brow' and land adjacent to Burgess Hill Station.
- **£1 million** Access for All funding to improve accessibility at Wivelsfield Station.

Key Facts

Delivery Partners: Mid Sussex District Council, Homes England, West Sussex CC, Burgess Hill Town Council, Coast to Capital, Department of Transport, and developers.

Funding (all years)

LGF Funding	£33.9m
Homes England funding	£370.5m
DCMS & other digital funding	£3.8m
OPE Funding	£165k
Access for All	£1.0m
WSCC Funding	£3.34m
MSDC Funding	£3.69m
Total Public Funding	£416.39m
Total Private Investment	£643.3m
Total Funding	£1,059.7m



Following their acquisition of the Northern Arc land parcels, the Council has an approved Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) with Homes England which confirms an investment of £162m in strategic infrastructure.

Outputs

5,000 new homes, a Science and Technology Park (up to 100,000m² employment space), two business parks, 15,000 new jobs (including construction jobs), a major town centre regeneration (offering retail space, commercial leisure space including a cinema and a bowling alley, a hotel as well as new homes), improvements to the A2300 corridor, a package of public realm and sustainable transport schemes, new schools, increased GP capacity, improved leisure facilities, full-fibre digital infrastructure.

What happened in the last period?

Northern Arc: Work is continuing on site with housebuilder Countryside Properties. Work on Western Link Road to continue throughout the autumn. The project will deliver a new roundabout connecting to the A2300 and will give future access to the Northern Arc employment space. Completion of the roundabout is expected by the end of December 2020, with the whole link road scheduled for completion by the end of 2021.

Place and Connectivity: A public-facing engagement (which was successfully conducted through digital channels, mail drops, and public advertising) concluded July 2020, with around 350 responses received. Work has begun on delivery of the first of the phase 1 schemes including public art and other public realm improvements to the underpass at Wivelsfield Railway station. Detailed design work continues for highway improvements at Burgess Hill and Wivelsfield Stations, public realm improvements for Church Walk / Church Road, and access & connectivity improvements for Victoria Business Park.

Target Milestones — Various (project-specific).

A2300 corridor improvements: Construction began in spring 2020 and is ongoing. The project remains on schedule for completion by March 2021.

Employment space, The Hub: The second phase of development (a 5,000m² warehouse for Roche Diagnostics) was completed in early February. Outline planning permission for the remaining 40,000m² has been approved, and issued.

Digital Infrastructure: Works to implement the Digital Infrastructure across and around Burgess Hill, including a southern link to Brighton and a northern link via Horsham to Crawley, are well progressed despite Covid-19 challenges. A number of Dig-Once opportunities have been identified which will further reduce the impact of the works on the travelling public and highway network. Works are planned to commence on site in September, under a phased approach with up to four work-fronts at any one time. Additional funding has also been sought from the LEP for the Brighton Link, to deliver a more resilient network connection between Crawley and Brighton, which will be owned by the Authority, rather than relying on leasing 3rd party commercial infrastructure.

One public estate (OPE) 7: The Brow - redevelopment of an extended Brow site in Burgess Hill will provide enhanced accommodation for the emergency and primary care services and to create space for 440 new homes (led by WSCC). Consultants Faithful and Gould completed viability study at the beginning of June which is currently being reviewed ahead of engagement and discussion with other stakeholders. As the scheme is at the design stage Covid-19 has not had an impact.

Land adjacent to Burgess Hill station - The conceptual scheme covers a 2.3 hectare site and will provide 240 apartments, a 350 space multi-storey car park, 500m² of employment space and significant remodelling of the train station infrastructure. Consultants CBRE delivered a second-draft feasibility report in June. The next steps will be to agree an engagement strategy with the other key stakeholders, Network Rail and The Arch Company (the principal land-owner at the site). As the scheme is at the design stage Covid-19 has not had an impact at this time.

Goddards Green Waste Water Treatment Works: Phase 1 of the project has been completed delivering most of the odour reduction benefits. All the £4m LGF-funding has been spent, and the project is now continuing at pace funded through the £6.54m HIF grant. Covid-19 has caused a slight delay to the project, resulting from staff in Southern Water's supply chain being furloughed and from the overseas suppliers of some components temporarily closing their factories. Whilst an overall delay of three months is anticipated, the project has robust mitigation measures in place which will ensure that all the odour reduction benefits are realised by December 2020.

Circus Street - Brighton



Proposed scheme

Aims & Objectives

The mix of residential, business, education and cultural occupiers on the site will bring a wide variety of people into the area, benefitting existing local businesses. Economic impact studies indicate that the development will create approximately 232 predominantly local jobs. It will generate £1 million in council tax, new business rates contributions and new homes bonuses. It would encourage student and new resident population spending in and around the site and would boost the local economy by more than £10m each year due to a multiplier effect.

The main office building will be a new centre for innovation and enterprise that will maximise the potential for linking the University’s research functions and private organisations that will cohabit in the building. This Innovation Hub will, in turn, create and support fledgling new business in the City and generate opportunities for students, graduates and university staff to work alongside SMEs and larger organisations.

The Dance Space will house South East Dance and provide them with much needed production space, a theatre and public space for community participation. The growing artistic community in Brighton has no dedicated space for dance and it is estimated that 60,000 people will use the space every year. It will become a cultural and community hub, where people gather to collaborate, participate, watch and learn.

Key Facts

Delivery Partners: U+I plc (Cathedral Brighton), Brighton & Hove City Council

Funding (all years)

Total LGF Funding	£2.70m
Total Public Funding	£0.40m
Total Private Funding	£106.57m
Total Other Funding	£0.00m
Total Funding	£109.67m

Outputs

142 new homes; 387 additional jobs and 232 net additional jobs after displacement and substitution; 30,000 sq ft. office building; 450 student accommodation bed spaces; “The Dance Space” (dance studios, offices, public performance space and HQ for South East Dance); start-up workshops, retail units and restaurant; public realm to include a square and landscaped courtyards.

What happened in the last period?

Work has been focussed on the residential blocks – which are nearing completion at the time of writing. There has been little progress on The Dance Space over the last period, partly due to delays in signoff of detailed design elements, but largely due to labour shortages. Despite these issues, however, work is progressing to some extent or other on all elements of the build, including the office block, offsite public realm works.

Target Milestones

End Date: Early 2021.

Decoy Farm - Worthing



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Aims & Objectives

An ambitious plan to upgrade an environmentally challenging but sizable plot of allocated employment land that has stood unused for over three decades. The completed project will boost employment opportunities and economic performance in the entire Coast to Capital LEP region.

Key Facts

Delivery Partners: Worthing Borough Council, West Sussex County Council, Private Sector, Coast to Capital LEP

Funding (all years)

Total LGF Funding	£4.84m
Total Public Funding	£4.84m
Total Private Funding	£15m
Total Funding	£25m

Outputs

To deliver up to 15,000sqm of new employment floorspace in small/medium sized units to support local SMEs to grow. To remediate the 7ha ex-landfill site. To improve accessibility through highways improvements to the local road network

What happened in the last period?

Preparatory works for remediation:

- Environmental Screening opinion letter drafted for submission to LPA
- Site specific Flood Risk Assessment commenced
- Ground Investigation contractor appointed and on site (27/02/2020)
- First phase archaeological inspection completed
- Investigation of compensatory land/habitat commenced

Preparatory works for disposal:

- Disposal Options Report completed
- Title report commissioned

Target Milestones

- **Winter 2019/20** - Site & Ground Investigations; Statutory Liaison (EA, Natural England, LPA); Development of detailed Remediation Strategy
- **9th March 2020** – Present to LEP Investment Committee
- **31st March 2020** – Report to JSC (authority to enter into contract)
- **Spring 2020** - Market engagement & procure remediation contractor
- **Summer 2020** - Commence on site remediation works

Digital Catapult – Brighton



Funding (all years)

Total LGF Funding	£0.50m
Total Public Funding	£1.00m
Total Private Funding	£0.50m
Total Other Funding	£0.00m
Total Funding	£2.00m

Outputs

10,000 businesses receiving information about emerging technology opportunities; 1,000 businesses receiving non-financial support; 250 businesses assisted to cooperate with universities and other research institutions; 100 businesses supported to introduce new products or services to the market or the firm; 30 hackathons, boot-camps or pit-stops; and 10 in-depth collaborative R+D projects.

What happened in the last period?

In late August, the 5G Testbed at the FuseBox was partially re-opened to enable businesses on the Accelerator Programme to complete their product development to proof-of-concept stage. 4 of the 6 companies on the programme were able to do this, with two dropping out due to Covid-19. Promo videos on each company were produced. A short summary is available [here](#). The 4th cohort of 8 Creative Industry businesses has started on their programme, the sessions for which are currently being run online. The 5G Brighton Testbed (together with national partners including Warner Music and O2) were successful in their funding proposal to DCMS for a project (“5G Festival”) focussed on the Music Industry. Funding for the Research & Innovation Ring & Testbed was successfully made to C2C & MHCLG by a consortium of regional partners including BHCC & MSDC and, together with the 5G Festival activity, will provide ongoing additional innovation support and investment for our regional creative technology sector. Support for immersive businesses has now been restarted, but currently at a much more limited scale than pre-Covid.

Aims & Objectives

To enable businesses to develop and exploit new products and services utilising emerging technologies (AA/VR, 5G, AI, etc), in order to improve productivity, develop better employment prospects and increase GVA in the region. The DCCB provides opportunities for start-ups and small businesses to connect with university research knowledge, work with large corporations, access innovation expertise and to engage with two core emerging technology platforms - the Immersive Lab and the 5G testbed. The 5G testbed received additional funding and the initial development and engagement activity is taking place at DCCB, hence the project date extension.

Key Facts

Delivery Partners: Wired Sussex & University of Brighton, University of Sussex, BHCC, American Express

Eastside South - Newhaven



Funding (all years)

Total LGF Funding	£1.60m
Total Public Funding	£0.00m
Total Private Funding	£6.21m
Total Other Funding	£0.00m
Total Funding	£7.81m

Outputs

7,986m² of new commercial floor-space, together with associated job creation.

What happened in the last period?

Work on Phase 1 was completed in 2018, with two new occupiers operational by April 2019.

Work on Phase 2 commenced in April 2019 and demand has been strong for the new units. Almost all units now either occupied or under offer.

Target Milestones

End Date: Late 2020.

Aims & Objectives

The Newhaven Enterprise Zone (EZ) is a collaboration between Lewes District Council and Coast to Capital LEP that aims to shift the town towards a higher-value economy over the next 25 years. The EZ covers eight key strategic sites (79ha) in a mixture of public and private ownerships, offering a mix of greenfield sites and the opportunity to develop, refurbish and intensify economic activity across a number of brownfield sites formerly used by heavy industry. The focus of the EZ is on growing the emerging 'clean, green and marine' sectors in particular. Over the 25-year lifespan of the EZ, it is estimated that 55,000m² of new commercial floor-space will be created, 15,000m² of existing commercial floor-space will be refurbished. This will create / sustain up to 2,000 FTE jobs.

Key Facts

Delivery Partners: Westcott Leach (landowner) in partnership with Lewes District Council & Coast to Capital LEP.

Heritage Centre Stage - Brighton



Artist's impression

Aims & Objectives

New Business Model & Commercial Strategy that increases future resilience by improving commercial performance and reducing running costs;

- Enhanced contribution to Brighton's cultural tourism by a strengthened City Centre & Cultural Quarter offer
- Returning the Royal Pavilion Estate to a world class heritage destination & protecting the heritage
- Achieving the long term vision for both organisations
- Evidence-based improved Visitor/ Audience experience, and improved learning, access & participation).

Key Facts

Delivery Partners: Brighton & Hove City Council & Brighton Dome & Brighton Festival

Funding (all years)

Total LGF Funding	£3.00m
Total Public Funding	£14.24m
Total Private Funding	£5.70m
Total Other Funding	£0.00m
Total Funding	£22.95m

Outputs

Employment: created and/or safeguarded - 337

Businesses assisted: financial and non-financial - 624

New floor space constructed/refurbished: learning - 157m² new floor space constructed/refurbished, Commercial - 2,652m²

Carbon reduction of 39.961 tonnes of CO₂.

What happened in the last period?

The Council's appointed Management Contractor, Westridge Construction Limited, is progressing emergency and remedial works to achieve weatherproof buildings. Following the completion of all structural remedial works to the 200 year-old Corn Exchange timber frame, lead guttering and new slate roof are completed. While the site remained open during the lockdown, a number of subcontractors furloughed staff and longer lead in times for materials caused delays to progressing works of circa 12 to 14 weeks. The council has considered its options to continue the works to Practical Completion and is to continue with Westridge to avoid further delays to the handover of the building to Brighton Dome Brighton Festival, which would add to its financial pressures caused by the Covid-19 crisis. Practical Completion is now anticipated in November 2021.

Target Milestones

End Date: November 2021

New England House - Brighton



Funding (all years)

Total LGF Funding	n/a
Total Public Funding	11.1 million
Total Private Funding	n/a
Total Other Funding	n/a
Total Funding	n/a

Outputs

Upgrade building, including providing a net additional 7,090m² of new employment floor-space. Following the land deal with Legal & General on the adjacent Longley Industrial Estate, some of this City Deal floorspace output will be provided on the Longley site, with the remainder forming part of a proposed extension to New England House

What happened in the last period?

A design team is in place, a construction project manager has been engaged, and work continues to progress on a detailed design for the building. This has included a range of survey work that has been undertaken to inform the design process and ensure that options are followed that are best able to reduce overall construction costs, optimise floorplates for proposed additional floorspace and reduce potential impacts on existing units while meeting the outputs of City Deal. At the time of writing 3 design options are being costed by a Quantity Surveyor, whose findings will then be modelled in respect of determining a business case.

Target Milestones

End Date: 31/09/2023.

Aims & Objectives

Upgrade and expand New England House so that it becomes a credible and highly visible hub for Greater Brighton's creative high-tech businesses.

Key Facts

Delivery Partners: Brighton & Hove City Council

New Monks Farm - Shoreham-By-Sea



Funding (all years)

Total LGF Funding	£5.70m
Total Public Funding	£5.7m
Total Private Funding	£144m
Total Funding	£150m

Outputs

- A £150 million capital investment;
- The delivery of 600 new homes, 30% of which will be affordable;
- 876 gross new jobs;
- £2.8m in public sector receipts from council tax revenues, new homes bonus and new business rates; and £11.5m additional annual GVA to the Adur economy

What happened in the last period?

ADC, WSCC, and developers finalised the S106 agreement and planning decision letter was issued on 06/02/2020

Work to address onsite contamination commenced in September 2019. Ecological works and ground works are underway.

Target Milestones

- Commence On Site:** Spring 2020
- Delivery of New Junction to the A27:** December 2022
- Completion of Development:** December 2028

Aims & Objectives

The project is to develop a strategic employment and housing growth centre in Shoreham. Its main components are: (a) The provision of a new and improved signalised 6-arm junction on the A27 which will unlock housing and employment space by allowing access to and from the wider area and the specific development sites; (b) The building of 600 new homes and 10,000m² employment floor-space at New Monks Farm.

Key Facts

Delivery Partners: New Monks Farm Development Ltd, Highways England, West Sussex County Council (WSCC) and Adur District Council (ADC).

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Newhaven Flood Alleviation Scheme



Funding (all years)

Total LGF Funding	£3.00m
Total Public Funding	£14.50m
Total Private Funding	£0.00m
Total Other Funding	£0.00m
Total Funding	£17.50m

Outputs

3km of flood defences on the east and west banks of the River Ouse comprising concrete walls, earth embankments, sheet steel piles, flood gates.

What happened in the last period?

The period January to June 2019 saw completion of all fixed flood defences under Newhaven FAS. The final element of the fixed defences, completed in mid-April, was a revised flood wall alignment in the Newhaven Port area of the scheme. This alignment was revised in part to (successfully) address significant expected cost overruns had the original alignment been followed and also responded to uncertainty about future land use in Newhaven Port. The revised alignment also provided the opportunity to trial the use of low-carbon ('Cemfree') cement with 88% less embodied carbon than traditional cement.

The demountable flood barrier over the A26 has now been successfully completed. Substantial progress on the rail flood barrier together with Network Rail has been made, with 90% of all works now completed. Works on this aspect of the scheme are anticipated to commence in June 2020, subject to final legal agreements.

Target Milestones

End Date: December 2020

Aims & Objectives

Build physical infrastructure to provide protection from tidal flooding up to a 1 in 200 year event for 431 homes, 390 businesses, rail and road infrastructure and in addition facilitate regeneration and development under the auspices of the Newhaven Enterprise Zone.

Key Facts

Delivery Partners: Environment Agency, Lewes DC, Coast to Capital LEP, South East LEP.

Plus X - Brighton



Proposed scheme

Aims & Objectives

The 'Plus X' seven storey innovation hub is a U+I Plc concept, a model they have delivered successfully elsewhere. As a key element of the comprehensive mixed-use redevelopment it will provide a unique, high quality workspace model, tailored to the unique needs of Brighton's creative and entrepreneurial businesses, particularly those designing and making physical products. It aims to be somewhere inspiring, functional, sustainable and flexible in its design. It is an innovative provision of shared workspaces and facilities that promote collaboration and facilitate serendipity. The shared spaces range from events spaces to prototyping labs, meeting rooms and cafe/break out spaces, something that will attract both small and larger tenants.

Key Facts

Delivery Partners: Brighton & Hove City Council (Delivery Body), U+I Group Plc (Developer) and University of Brighton (together the partners in the overall mixed-use development across the combined sites).

Funding (all years)

Total LGF Funding	£7.7m
Total Public Funding	£0.00m
Total Private Funding	£12m
Total Funding	£19.7m

Outputs

Contractual outputs: 4,645m² of new employment space, 500m² of high specification prototyping labs/workshops, 107 onsite jobs, £5.427m of match funding.

Non-contractual outputs: 300 other jobs, £250,000 follow-on investment, 99 businesses supported.

What happened in the last period?

Having opened in June 2020, the first building to be completed on site, Plus X continues to promote its facilities and increase its membership. Despite challenging conditions due to Covid-19, which resulted in a slower start than anticipated, the building currently has around 100 memberships on flexible plans. The management team is also negotiating with established businesses with a view to taking significant floorspace on levels 5 and 6. Since opening, Plus X has also successfully launched its scale up innovation programme, BRITE, which is due to commence on 1st October. The Brighton Research Innovation Technology Exchange (BRITE) is a business innovation programme for ambitious and established businesses primarily based in the Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership region. Other elements of the wider development have made considerable progress. The student blocks on the barracks site are nearing completion and construction of the residential blocks are underway. The University of Brighton's adjacent development is also advancing well with all 5 student blocks on the Mithras House site clearly visible.

Target Milestones

End Date: 13/12/2022.

Port Access Road - Newhaven



Aims & Objectives

Construction of a new road into Newhaven Port.

Comprising approx. 650m of new road, including a new 3 span bridge over the Newhaven to Seaford railway line and Mill Creek, and associated landscaping/environmental works.

Key Facts

Delivery Partners: East Sussex County Council.

Funding (all years)

Total LGF Funding	£10.00m
Total Public Funding	£13.27m
Total Private Funding	£0.00m
Total Other Funding	£0.00m
Total Funding	£23.27m

Outputs

Construction of the Newhaven Port Access Road from the Pargut roundabout to the Port roundabout, unlocking new employment land at East Quay within Newhaven Port.

What happened in the last period?

Construction commenced early January 2019, with works now well underway. BAM Nuttall has been appointed as contractor. Construction is expected to take 19 months to complete. Overall programme remains on track with bridge now in place and work having commenced on cycle / footways, as well as remediation work on adjoining land.

Target Milestones

End Date: Mid 2020.

Railway Quay - Newhaven



Funding (all years)

Total LGF Funding	£1.5m
Total Public Funding	TBC
Total Private Funding	TBC
Total Other Funding	TBC
Total Funding	TBC

Outputs

New commercial floor-space, job creation and land remediation. Details currently being finalised.

What happened in the last period?

Flood defence works on site now completed and negotiations underway with existing tenant re: relocation. Initial masterplan has been prepared and discussions undertaken with potential tenants. However, delays have been created by the closure of the adjacent UTC@harbourside. LDC has secured £1.3m from the Getting Building Fund (subject to business case) to convert the former UTC building into a maritime and sustainable technology hub, offering education / training space and commercial facilities for SME's. Discussions with DfE are ongoing around lease arrangements. This has been augmented by a commitment of £500k from LDC towards the estimated £1.8m project costs. Railway Quay is progressing, with £500k secured from Towns Fund Accelerated Project Funding to deliver new visitor, community and sustainability facilities, including a café and active travel hub. A planning application will be submitted in October, with start on site in January 2021.

Target Milestones

End Date: TBC.

Aims & Objectives

The Newhaven Enterprise Zone (EZ) is a collaboration between Lewes District Council and Coast to Capital LEP that aims to shift the town towards a higher-value economy over the next 25 years. The EZ covers eight key strategic sites (79ha) in a mixture of public and private ownerships, offering a mix of greenfield sites and the opportunity to develop, refurbish and intensify economic activity across a number of brownfield sites formerly used by heavy industry. The focus of the EZ is on growing the emerging 'clean, green and marine' sectors in particular. Over the 25-year lifespan of the EZ, it is estimated that 55,000m² of new commercial floor-space will be created and 15,000m² of existing commercial floor-space will be refurbished. This will create / sustain up to 2,000 FTE jobs.

Key Facts

Delivery Partners: Lewes District Council.

Springman House - Lewes



Funding (all years)

Total LGF Funding	£2.00m
Total Public Funding	£4.34m
Total Private Funding	£0.00m
Total Other Funding	£0.00m
Total Funding	£6.34m

Outputs

By enabling the development of a new blue light facility on the site of Springman House, this project will unlock the £180m North Street Quarter scheme - a major, strategic mixed-use development in Lewes. Relocating the Community Fire Station from its existing premises on North Street, Lewes will enable the delivery of 416 new homes and 13,000m² of commercial floor-space, through the £180 million North Street Quarter (NSQ) regeneration scheme, and enable Lewes’ “blue light” services to be co-located.

What happened in the last period?

Following the purchase of the site by Lewes District Council, plans have been drawn up with the East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service Sussex Police and the South East Coast Ambulance Service. The Council now awaits appointment of a developer for the NSQ scheme in order for this enabling project to move forwards.

Target Milestones

End Date: Anticipated 2024, subject to Planning.

Aims & Objectives

The project involves the formation of new fire and ambulance station facilities. The project will deliver modern new premises for both services.

Key Facts

Delivery Partners: Lewes District Council are the lead delivery body in partnership with East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service (ESFRS), Sussex Police and the South East Coast Ambulance Service.

Teville Gate - Worthing



Teville Gate House Construction 12/12/2019

Aims & Objectives

Teville Gate (TG) forms part of the Worthing Central Programme (Phase 1) to transform key brownfield sites in Worthing town centre. This project will facilitate the redevelopment of the site by undertaking site preparation works, consisting of the demolition of all buildings within the redline and provision of a temporary surface car park. Thereafter the Council will continue to support the freeholders, Mosaic Global Investments (Mosaic) and Hanson Development to develop out the scheme for office, residential and commercial.

Key Facts

Delivery Partners: Worthing Borough Council, Mosaic Global Investments, Coast to Capital LEP, Hanson Developments & HMRC, Homes England

Funding (all years)

Total LGF Funding	£2.09m
Total Public Funding	£2.0m
Total Private Funding	£79m (wider site) £32m (Teville Gate House)
Total Funding	£81.00m

Outputs

(a) 375 new homes (b) 3,410sqm of commercial floor-space (restaurants, cafes and on-site gym) (c) 6,740sqm of retail floor-space (state of the art supermarket) (d) 493 gross jobs (net jobs 314) (e) Modern car parking infrastructure (over 160 spaces for residents and visitor use) (f) New public realm (approx. 4,000sqm, creating an improved public corridor from Worthing station to the town centre). 70,000sqft office building at Teville Gate House for HMRC.

What happened in the last period?

- Construction commenced on new office building for Teville Gate House and topping-out took place on 01/04/2020.
- Mosaic Capital's planning application was considered by planning committee on 04/03/2020 and resolution to grant permission subject to S106
- Homes England provided a letter committing to support the project with funding of £6m for affordable homes.

Target Milestones

Planning Application by Mosaic Determined: March 2020

Main Site Commencement: Spring/Summer 2020

HMRC Office Building Completed: December 2020

Union Place - Worthing



Funding

Total LGF Funding	£3.60m
Total Public Funding	£5m
Total Private Funding	£31.4m
Total Other Funding	TBC
Estimated GDV	£40m

Outputs

- 186 - New Homes – 35% affordable
- 610sqm - Commercial Space
- 90 - Guest room Hotel
- 3 /4 Screen – Cinema
- 1072sqm- Flexible Cultural Space
- 246 – Parking spaces

What happened in the last period?

- Following the pre-app planning meeting held on 29 November 2019, further design work design work has been included within project plans.
- The project team have been reviewing legal and insurance implications and detailed rights to light and covenants with a view to undertaking a S203 report.
- Planning application submitted 6th March 2020.

Target Milestones

- Planning application submitted** – January 2020
- Planning Consent** – Spring 2020
- Build Out Strategy** – to be agreed following planning consent, likely a mixture of direct delivery and market sale of the planning consent.

Aims & Objectives

Union Place (UP) forms part of the Worthing Central Programme (Phase 1) to regenerate key brownfield sites in Worthing town centre. The Council has agreed to enter into a land pooling agreement for the site with partners London and Continental Railways. The partners have prepared a development strategy for the sites which has been approved at JSC. The development strategy could include building out ourselves (direct delivery) or gaining planning consent and selling to a developer.

Key Facts

Delivery Partners: Worthing Borough Council (WBC), London & Continental Railways, Coast to Capital LEP.

Valley Gardens - Brighton



Proposed scheme

Aims & Objectives

Simplification of traffic network, provision of 'public transport corridor' to the west with general traffic on the western corridor. Enhanced public realm, gardens and materials throughout. The scheme aims to contribute to improved air quality, safety, connectivity, improve efficiency and upgrade signals at junctions. Reduce street clutter and provide enhanced greenspace for public enjoyment.

Key Facts

Delivery Partners: C2C Local Enterprise Partnership

Outputs

Match Funding (BHCC) £1.712m, Local Funding £0.414, Total resurfaced roads - 1,588m, Total length of cycle ways - 670m, Area of land experiencing flooding - 63,866m².

Funding (all years)

Total LGF Funding	£8.00m
Total Public Funding	£1.71m
Total Private Funding	£0.41m
Total Other Funding	£0.00m
Total Funding	£10.13m

What happened in the last period?

The Valley Gardens main contract has achieved completion. We are currently in final account negotiations with the Main Contractor including COVID-19 related claims.

The scheme is now operational, and the main construction Contract has come to an end. Defects and snagging works will continue for the next few months and maintenance for the gardens will continue for the next three years.

Recent press releases and drone footage replaced our planned launch event due to Covid-19 restrictions. Monitoring will commence in October to help monitor the schemes success but early positive feedback from the community and stakeholders indicates the scheme has been well received.

Target Milestones

End Date: 2020/2021.

Waterfront - Brighton



Aims & Objectives

The scope and outputs for the Waterfront project have been amended in consultation with the Local Enterprise Partnership and a revised funding agreement is in the process of being agreed. The overall aims and objectives of the project remain the same i.e. To deliver a brand new [10,000-seater] dual purpose conference and events venue as part of the "Brighton Waterfront" regeneration project. The feasibility of delivering this within the city centre on the Waterfront Central site is now being explored with ASI. The second aim of the project to regenerate the Black Rock site is now underway, with a planning application submitted on 28th February for a package of improvement works which will both unlock the site for a future development (subject to final feasibility work) and will provide a much needed “uplift” for the area including a new access point for the Brighton Marina in the form of a future sustainable transport link. A newly aligned sea wall and improved connections for cyclists and pedestrians is also part of the proposals, including new crossing points for pedestrians and new beach boardwalk to increase access to the beach and the Black Rock site. Temporary events and a new temporary pump track will form part of the proposals until longer term development is secured. Long term development will be governed by a Development Brief which will be developed in consultation with key stakeholders.

Funding (all years)

Total LGF Funding	£12.11m
Total Public Funding	£120.60m
Total Private Funding	£0.00m
Total Other Funding	£0.00m
Total Funding	£132.71m

Key Facts

Delivery Partners: Brighton and Hove City Council will be leading the Enabling package of works. The remainder of the project will be led in partnership with Standard Life Aberdeen, who are funding the design and development stage.

Outputs

Jobs directly connected to intervention - 1,832, Commercial floor space constructed - 27,800m², Safeguarded jobs - 518, Commercial floor space refurbished - 53,383m². All outputs remain estimates as the project design and development stage has not completed at the time of the C2C LEP submission.

What happened in the last period?

Pre-app process commenced for the Black Rock site - planning application targeted for end of October in order to keep to programme (for expenditure of LEP funds by March 2021).

Target Milestones

- Pre – application submission – August 2019 COMPLETED
- Planning application submission – October 2019
- Early contractor involvement – on hold
- Planning consent - January 2020
- Commence start on site – March 2020
- Completion – March 2021

Western Harbour Arm – Shoreham-By-Sea



Proposed scheme

Aims & Objectives

A sum of £3.5 million was identified for flood defences to unlock developments on Shoreham’s Western Harbour Arm. This project will deliver a flood risk management scheme at Sussex Yacht Club on the Western Harbour Arm. The site is adjacent to the historic harbour town of Shoreham-by- Sea, West Sussex, and thus this scheme will safeguard existing town centre businesses as well as provide an unrestricted flow of traffic on the A259.

Key Facts

Delivery Partners: Adur District Council (ADC), Environment Agency and Sussex Yacht Club, Shoreham Harbour Partnership.

Funding (all years)

Total LGF Funding:	£3.50m
Total Public Funding:	£1.14m
Total Private Funding	£0.00m
Total Other Funding:	£0.00m
Total Funding:	£4.64m

Outputs

The project is for the construction of a flood wall and cycle path to the rear of the existing line of defence; protecting the A259 and communities behind but allowing some riverside inundation during flood events on the Sussex Yacht Club site. The proposed location of the setback flood wall would largely be along the rear (northern) side of the site adjacent to the A259. Based on the Environment Agency’s Design Guidance a reinforced concrete core and foundation wall is considered to be the most technically viable solution.

What happened in the last period?

ADC has now purchased the required 3.5m strip of land off the Sussex Yacht Club to complete the land deal following agreement on Heads of Terms. A planning application has been approved by Adur District Planning authority for the replacement of the Yacht Club facility. Work has now commenced on the new yacht club. A separate planning application has been approved for the flood defences and cycle path along the A259.

Adur District Council has secured funding from the Environment Agency through Grant in Aid to support the flood defence wall to be delivered. A project team are preparing plans to deliver the flood defence scheme on completion of the new Yacht Club.

Target Milestones

Completion of new Yacht Club facility: May 2020

Start on site for Flood Defence Works: June 2020, **End Date:** March 2021.

